

FLORIDA FACES SEVERE FREEZE TODAY

Dr. Johnson's Explanation Of Sex Case Delayed

ADVANCES TO HIS NURSES ARE CHARGED

Illness Of Prober Postpones Case

(Pictures In Adjoining Column)

AUSTIN —(P)—Dr. W. J. Johnson, aging superintendent of the state insane hospital at San Antonio, was required Saturday to wait until next week to begin presentation of his defense against charges that he made sexual advances toward women employees.

Adjournment of the sensational hearing until Monday was occasioned by the illness of Frank Davis, one of three members of the board of control, which is conducting it. Harry Knox, Jr., board chairman, said the inquiry would be resumed Monday even if Davis is unable to attend.

Case Draws Many

The senate chamber has been filled for each session since the start of testimony Thursday. Saturday's adjournment was the second for the crowd. Proceedings Friday morning were cut short at the request of counsel for Dr. Johnson. Direct testimony against the married, 56-year-old hospital head was completed late Friday. Seven young women, some barely out of their teens, accused the bald physician of fondling them and discussing sexual subjects with them.

Dr. Johnson, who will testify probably Monday, claims the charges are baseless and that there is a conspiracy to remove him as hospital superintendent.

The board of control membership changed January 1 with Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's selection of Knox to a vacancy. Davis also is an appointee of O'Daniel but the governor has disclaimed any responsibility for actions of that or any other board.

"Beautiful Thing"

One former nurse at the hospital testified the superintendent had told her in effect that "if a girl did not have sexual relations she would be missing one of the most beautiful things in life." Another said the physician suggested she rent a room, not in her own name, "and he would pay for it."

A third former employee said that on several occasions when she went to Dr. Johnson's office to seek employment, the physician held her close, kissed her and attempted to make other advances. The rest of the witnesses recounted alleged occurrences of a similar nature. All said they resisted the superintendent's advances.

Attorneys for the superintendent sought to show that all the witnesses bore ill feeling toward him and wanted him removed from his position.

CIO Vice President Ensors Roosevelt

NEW YORK —(P)—Sidney Hillman, vice president of the CIO and head of the powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, gave his unqualified endorsement to President Roosevelt Saturday and thereby took a stand in open opposition to his chief, CIO President John L. Lewis.

Texas Post Officer Heads Ninth Corps

SAN ANTONIO —(P)—Army officials at Fort Sam Houston confirmed Saturday that Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the second division, has been appointed to command the Ninth Army Corps, which will be organized for extensive army maneuvers in the south about April.

Finds \$100,000

ODESSA, Tex. —(P)—Riley Smith, tourist camp operator, said Saturday night he and a partner had located \$100,000 in buried gold and \$20 gold pieces within 15 miles of here.

Earlier Smith sent a telegram to his attorney Clyde Eastus at Dallas saying, "shall we bring in \$100,000 in buried treasure in \$20 gold pieces, or will you come and get it?"

He would not elaborate other than to say he and his partner, L. E. Smith, could "go right to" the treasure.

TELLS ADVANCES



Lucy Robinson of San Antonio, 28, testified before the State Board of Control that Dr. W. J. Johnson, superintendent of the San Antonio State Hospital for the insane, had made improper advances toward her while applying for a job.

BROWNSVILLE PIONEER DIES

Mrs. Fairbanks, 63, Is Widely Known

BROWNSVILLE — Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Margaret McAllen Fairbanks, 63, well-known pioneer resident of Brownsville and the Valley. Mrs. Fairbanks died at 8 a. m. Saturday at her Brownsville home, after a lengthy illness.

Services Sunday

Services will be at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Sunday at 4 p. m. Rev. Penrose W. Hirst, Episcopal minister, will be in charge. Interment will be at Buena Vista cemetery, under the direction of Hinkley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fairbanks was born Margaret Elizabeth Rohde, March 29, 1876, at Galveston. She came to Brownsville at the age of five, and has made her home here since.

Rumania To Ask Aid Of Entente Nations

BUDAPEST —(P)—Rumania, high authorities said Saturday night, will ask her Balkan entente partners—Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia—to promise her military support in case of attack by either Germany or Russia. Otherwise the Rumanian government was understood to have indicated it would be forced to seek an agreement with Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin.

Hitler Cracks Down Agair. Propaganda

BERLIN —(P)—The government intensified its war against propaganda calculated to undermine German morale by admonishing law enforcement agencies Saturday to deal severely with all caught listening to foreign broadcasts in defiance of a wartime decree.

CHARRO DAYS OPENS WEEK OF FESTIVITY

Sunday Events Start Full Program

Other Charro Day stories and pictures will be found on pages 2, 6, 7, 8, and 10.

BROWNSVILLE — This Texas-Mexican border city will throw cares to the wind Sunday, forget business and cold weather, let out its beard and launch upon a week of gaiety, dance, music and general festivity that goes under the name of Charro Days.

Pre-Charro Events

But there are so many pre-Charro events on the card that from Sunday afternoon on until the sun sets the following Sunday, Charro Days will be in the air, the people will be out in costume, and the celebrating will be on.

In fact, visitors to Brownsville for the annual fiesta were arriving before the end of this week, and those who are to take part in its various events were coming ahead of time. Race drivers were beginning to arrive with their motors and boats, in preparation for the speedboat regatta, rodeo performers were dropping in to town, and many others were on hand.

This will be the third annual Charro Days Fiesta in Brownsville. The fiesta was started in 1938 and immediately captured the fancy of people in the state. And last year thousands crowded into Brownsville to see it, and to take part in it.

The fiesta has part of its wide appeal in the fact that most visitors buy at least a Mexican hat, fancy themselves in costume, and immediately become a part of the show.

Sunday's event will be the promenade and "Dance of the Fleas" at the patio of the El Jardin hotel, which event is a sort of advance showing of costumes, staged partly so everybody can take pictures of everybody else.

Then events follow in rapid order. The Royal Court of the Brush holding a session whenever there is a threat of things lagging a bit. The Court of the Brush will challenge the freedom of the press when it calls up local newspaper editors Tuesday to give cause why they should not be fined for printing too much about the cold wave.

Requirement Change Urged On Navy Bids

WASHINGTON —(P)— Secretary Edison urged Saturday that Congress alter the present requirement that navy contracts go to the lowest bidders, a restriction which he said was adding "untold millions" to the cost of new warships.

Secretary Reports Income Payments Up

WASHINGTON —(P)— Secretary Hopkins announced Saturday that income payments to individuals last year totaled \$69,663,000, a gain of \$3,412,000,000 over 1938.

4 Hours Long!

'Gone With Wind' Data Announced

HARLINGEN — "Gone With Wind," opening a week's engagement Thursday, February 15, at the Arcadia here, will be seen in its entirety just as at its world premiere in Atlanta. Manager Jack King said Saturday.

He added there would be no other showings in the Valley or in Texas at less than road show prices until 1941. Prices to be charged at the two daily shows here will be \$1.20 for evening performances and 75 cents for matinees, except Sunday, when the \$1.20 price will be charged both afternoon and night. Seats will be reserved for all performances, with ticket sales opening Feb. 1.

The picture runs almost four hours, and should be seen only from the beginning, Mr. King said. Performances will begin at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m.

EL PASO POLICE ARE SAVED FROM MAJOR SACRIFICE

EL PASO, Tex. —(P)—El Paso's policemen, who volunteered to a man to attend a "grille" show and watch for obscene acts, will not be required to make the sacrifice after all.

The show, following official protest against the "disgraceful" nature of advance publicity, detoured around El Paso Saturday and ticket sellers were refunding money from advance sales.

Police Chief Robey called for volunteers to attend the show as censors, but the response was so great he announced the men would draw lots to see who attended.

'NAZIS WEAKER THAN GERMAN NATION OF '14'

Churchill Says Allies Far Stronger

MANCHESTER, England —(P)— Winston Churchill Saturday appraised Nazi Germany as a weaker foe than the Imperium Germany of 1914 while the Allies "are far ahead of where we were at this time in the other war."

But he cautioned the British in an address on the progress of the conflict against any reaction, declaring instead "it is a time to dare and endure."

To Nazi assertions that Britain's convoy system was ineffective, Churchill replied that "out of nearly 7,500 ships conveyed to and from this island only 15 have been lost."

He said half of Germany's submarines had been destroyed and new building had "fallen far short of what we originally estimated."

He charged Germany with "shameful records" in the conquests of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

70,000 REDS ROUTED: FINNS CAPTURE ARMS

HELSINKI —(P)—The beaten fragments of four Soviet divisions, once 70,000 strong, were reported by Finnish couriers Saturday night to be scattered in headlong flight, leaving the snows and ice-clocked lakes and rivers with thousands of dead and wounded.

The casualties and heaps of abandoned war materials were the price paid in a futile endeavor to outflank the Mannerheim line, to cut behind it by encircling the frozen shores of Lake Ladoga.

When the whole story is told, the Finns said, it will show the worst disaster of the Russian invasion.

Methodist Minister Dies In Auto Crash

CLOVIS, N. M. —(P)—A. M. Dupee, 51, former Methodist minister of Lubbock, Texas, was fatally injured near Lariat, Texas, late Saturday when an approaching car he attempted to flag down struck the door of his car and hurled him to the side of the highway.

Churches Plan Aid For Paralysis Fund

HARLINGEN — Texas churches will observe January 28, Infantile Paralysis Church Sunday, as sequel to the nation-wide President's Birthday Ball series, with appeals for funds to be made from the pulpits.

Many pastors were scheduled to take as their sermon subjects the need for aid to crippled and maimed children. Virtually all denominations have endorsed the National Infantile Paralysis Campaign.

VALLEY FAIR WILL EXTEND RUN TWO DAYS

Sunday Program To Be Best Yet

Related stories, pictures and award lists will be found on pages 2, 7, 8, 10 and 11.

HARLINGEN — The 18th Annual Valley Mid-Winter Fair will swing into its fifth day Sunday with a full program on deck for visitors.

Fair officials decided Saturday to extend the fair through Monday and Tuesday due to inclement weather which cut attendance on the first few days. Full program will be arranged for Monday and Tuesday in addition to Sunday.

Opens At 8 A. M.

Entrance gates and main exhibits will open at 8 a. m. Sunday, Sidney Krings, fair manager said Saturday night.

The state championship Weslaco High School band will play a free concert in the auditorium at 3:30 p.m.

The 80-piece band under direction of William Krandel will give an hour's concert according to information Saturday night. This band participated in the opening day parade and drew much favorable comment.

Miss Lillie Stote, Mississippi rain-maker, will take up her sitting on the irrigation canal bank at 1 p. m. and promises a general Valley rain.

Bill Hames Carnival will open up at 1 p. m. with shows for all. The monkey show with the carnival has been drawing considerable comment and a free Big Bertha elephant act is offered twice daily on the midway.

All exhibits, including the home demonstration and 4-H girls are to be removed Wednesday morning, Sidney Krings said Saturday.

Big Crowd Boos

"The Drunkard's Daughter," a comedy play, presented by the Valley Theatre Group, was presented for the second and final time in the auditorium Saturday night.

A large and enthusiastic audience cheered and "booed" the characters during the performance.

Midget auto races held sway during the afternoon and will be staged again Sunday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Pete McNamee, general manager and starter, said Saturday night.

Johnny Herbert, mounted on Dorothy Herbert's world-famous dancing and jumping horses, gave exhibitions at 5:30 and 9 p. m. Saturday on the tractor midway and is booked for the same time Sunday, Monday.

Casualties In Wreck Are Worst Possible

HOUSTON —(P)—Mrs. P. J. Maxwell was enroute to work in her auto Saturday morning when railroad switch engine struck her car and rolled it 100 feet.

Train crewmen jumped to the rescue. Mrs. Maxwell stepped from the wreckage, the sole damage to her being a rolled shoe a run in her stocking.

OIL WORKER SHOT

ODESSA, Tex. —(P)—Paul Wade Braddy, 24, oil worker, was found shot to death in a tourist cabin here Saturday.

Sunday Fair Program

Today's Biggest Of All Programs For Fair

Valley Mid-Winter Fair

8 a.m.—Gates and exhibits open.

1 p.m.—Bill Hames Carnival opens. Miss Lillie Stote, Mississippi rain-maker, takes her seat on the irrigation canal bank to bring rain.

1:30 p.m.—The "Adams Musical Family" will give a free concert in the auditorium.

2:30 p.m.—Midget auto races will start in front of the grandstand. Sixteen crack drivers will risk their lives for first place money in eight feature races.

3:30 p.m.—The State Championship Weslaco High School band will give a free concert in the auditorium. This 80-piece group is under direction of William Krandel.

5:00 p.m.—Free Big Bertha elephant act on the carnival midway.

5:30 p.m.—Johnny Herbert, mounted on Dorothy Herbert's horses, will give a free horse act on the tractor midway.

6 p.m.—Bill Hames Carnival. Exhibits all open.

9:30 p.m.—Johnny Herbert's horse act. Free attraction on the tractor midway.

Mystery Murderer?

2 Weslaco Killings Suspiciously Similar; Same Murderer May Be Behind Both

WESLACO — Suspiciously similar in many respects, two mysterious deaths occurring here recently still puzzled investigating officers Saturday.

Carlos Castro, 45-year-old Weslaco carpenter, who died of blows which crushed his skull, and T. W. Adamson, 69, of Brownsville, who had been working in Weslaco, and who died of what appeared to be a terrific beating here, are the two victims of what may have been murderous assaults.

Officers are asking themselves this question: "Did the same man or men assault both Castro and Adamson?"

20-30 BEGINS STATE PARLEY

National President To Speak Here Today

HARLINGEN — Some 70 delegates from all sections of the state opened the first day of the convention of the Lone Star District, national Association of 20-30 Clubs, scheduled to continue through Sunday noon.

President Speaks

M. Abbe Strunk, San Antonio, president of the 20-30 Association, will head the speakers at the Sunday morning business session, when delegates choose the next convention city. Other speakers include Wayne Wood, San Antonio, district governor; Van R. Wiggins, Harlingen, editor and publisher; William Arlitt, San Antonio; Lorraine Brockman, San Antonio; Parr Krumb, Houston, past district governor; and Sherwood Johns, of the Harlingen club, and Captain G. E. Schauer, of the Texas Highway Patrol.

Saturday program included registration of delegates and guests, who numbered some 150 at the Field House dance Saturday night, conducted tour of Brownsville and Mexico; golf at the municipal course here; a tour of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair and the Friendship Hour at the Madison Hotel headquarters preceding the dance.

Sunday Big Day

The Sunday activities will open with a breakfast at the Madison Hotel, followed by the business session beginning at 9:15 a. m. Charles Gerson, president of the Harlingen Club, labeled the first day of the convention "a complete success," and said the delegates looked forward to a program of "interesting and instructive talks" at the Sunday closing session.

New Chinese Regime Completion Is Near

TSINGTAO, China —(P)—Terminating a three-day conference with heads of the Japanese-dominated Nanking and Peiping regimes, Wang Ching-Wei left by plane Saturday for Shanghai, where a political council will complete next month organization of the new central Chinese government of which he has been named head by Tokyo.

A statement issued after the conference said the council would be formed by Wang's "Orthodox Kuomintang" party and the local Nanking, Peiping and the Inner-Mongolian regimes.

VALLEY GETS WARMER SAYS NEW FORECAST

Florida Crop Toll May Up Prices

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. —(P)—Emergency Sunday picking and packing operations were ordered through most of the Florida citrus belt Saturday night as the lowest temperatures of a cold spell of record duration were forecast for Sunday throughout the state.

Damage to citrus and vegetable crops was already heavy in some sections from this morning's sub-freezing onslaught and the frost warning service at Lakeland said temperatures would be from one to six degrees lower Sunday morning.

E. S. Ellison, meteorologist in charge of the Lakeland weather bureau, said there probably would be considerable frozen fruit Sunday morning and some tree damage.

HARLINGEN — Warmer weather is forecast for the Valley Sunday, but citrus and vegetable men in Florida and truck crop growers throughout the south still worried as the record cold wave not only continues, but gets worse.

Crop damage has been high and if temperatures drop as low Sunday morning as predicted, a major portion will be wiped out, bringing record prices for the Valley, which so far has found citrus and vegetable damage not as high as first feared.

Florida citrus and vegetable growers, their crops already damaged by severe cold, kept smudge fires burning Saturday night as the weather bureau predicted another onslaught of freezing temperatures, said the Associated Press.

Prepare For Worst

Growers, reporting their losses so far as spotted and not general, prepared for the worst with smudge pots, big stacks of wood and other means of heating to save their crops and valuable trees.

Weather colder by from one to six degrees than Saturday morning's lows was forecast for Sunday morning.

Reading below freezing were predicted for most sections of the state, including the rich mucklands around the Everglades and the Redlands district south of sub-tropical Miami. Relief was promised Sunday with slowly rising temperatures.

"Much warmer" was forecast for Monday.

In peninsular Florida, temperatures ranging from 10 to 22 in the extreme north, 22 to 26 in the central section and 27 to 28 in the southern portion were forecast. In extreme northwest Florida it was expected to slide as low as seven to 12 above in the interior.

Damage Unknown

No official or even semi-official estimate of citrus damage was available. Growers said next few days, on weather, the next few days.

At Winter Haven in the rich Polk citrus belt, unofficial damage estimates were being made.

Report Subs Near America Discounted

WASHINGTON —(P)—The White House said Saturday, in response to inquiries, that reports of German submarines operating off the coast of South America and within the 300-mile American neutrality zone lacked confirmation in official Washington quarters.

Pay Poll Tax

Sadler Warns Texans Of Tax Threats

(For Valley Tax Payments, See Page 2)

SAN ANTONIO —(P)—Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler, rumored a probable candidate for governor, Saturday night urged Texans to pay their poll tax because "1940 offers us a glorious opportunity to weed out the unnecessary and superfluous in our political and economic life."

Outspoken critic of Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel and the sales tax that failed in the last legislature, Sadler told Texans the move was on the part of the "rich, powerful, the selfish and the unprincipled to dump into the milk bottle of your baby and the flour bin of your kitchen, the most abominable and disgraceful sales tax ever proposed to a free people."

The address predicted the same group with the same political ideas would be back this summer and the answer to the sales tax would lie with the voters—those who paid their poll tax before midnight Wednesday.

Only Three Days Left In Which To Obtain Voting Right

CAMERON SET FOR PUSH AT LAST MINUTE

Agar Estimates 9000 More To Buy

BROWNSVILLE—Three days remain in which to pay 1940 poll tax. At Brownsville the courthouse office and at Harlingen the branch office will be open Wednesday night until midnight to accommodate the expected last-minute rush. Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector Ralph T. Agar said Saturday.

Only 3,228 poll tax receipts have been issued since they became payable October 1, and an estimated 350 new exemptions, deputies in his office reported. Deadline is midnight January 31.

Mr. Agar now estimates a maximum of 9,000 poll receipts will be issued in Cameron county. His first estimate of 16,000 has been reduced since early payments of poll taxes were so few.

Big Rush Foreseen
His office will be hard put to issue the balance of the estimated 9,000 in the three days remaining. Poll tax payers "will be standing in line" the last days, he said.

Around the courthouse county officials recalled previous years when long lines of poll tax payers formed in the tax collector's office, and backed far out into the halls.

With national, state and county elections up this year, it is expected more persons will pay their poll tax than last year, when 7,415 paid. There were 1,767 old and new exemptions in 1939.

Only about a dozen poll taxes have been paid by agents under the authorization of persons expecting to be out of the county during the poll tax paying period. Mr. Agar said Saturday.

Method Outlined
The form authorizing an agent must be certified before a notary public by the person for whom the poll tax receipt is intended, Mr. Agar said.

Methods of handling poll tax payments have been subject to criticism in the Valley as well as throughout the state and in other parts of the south.

Restrictions on the issuance of poll tax receipts to authorized agents have been under fire in the Valley. Mr. Agar said Saturday he has required all forms authorizing agents to be filled out properly and signed before a notary.

Can Be Cancelled
Later if any questions arise as to the validity of the poll taxes paid by agents, the receipts can be cancelled on the poll tax books and the election judges notified, he said.

He has conferred with County Attorney Jack Wiech as to the proper steps to require in the case of poll tax payments by agents.

Charro Days Open Sunday

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endar is the Buccaneer Ball, to be held Monday evening.

A Mexican supper is to be held Tuesday night, and a style show, at which costumes from all parts of Latin America will be shown, is scheduled for Wednesday night.

Another dance, by the Triple L Club, is to be held Wednesday night at the Country Club.

The Fiesta proper then opens Thursday, the two big events of the day being the Promenade and the Grand Costume Ball. The costume ball has been one of the outstanding events of the Charro Days since it was started, and attracts a large gathering of people in brilliant costumes.

Other entertainment the opening day includes an art exhibit, a junior grand ball, window displays, and "Bits of Old Mexico." The latter is a typical Mexican village which has been constructed for the event.

Thatched huts with palm-leaf roofs have been erected, and the visitors will be able to buy any kind of Mexican food. Many entertainment events, including Mexican games, are arranged in this interesting feature of Charro Days. It will be open throughout Charro Week.

The Grand Parade will take place February 2, and is probably the outstanding event of the entire show. The floats in Charro Days are all horse-drawn, another departure from the conventional float idea.

The big parade will be repeated Friday night, the night parade in the past having proved even more spectacular than the daytime event.

The International Rodeo will be held Friday afternoon and evening, and again Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's program includes the children's parade, which proves a particularly popular event with 10,000 youngsters marching, all in costume.

The rodeo in the afternoon and night parade in the evening will be topped off by the costume street dance, billed as the world's largest costume ball, and the regatta ball at the El Jardin Hotel.

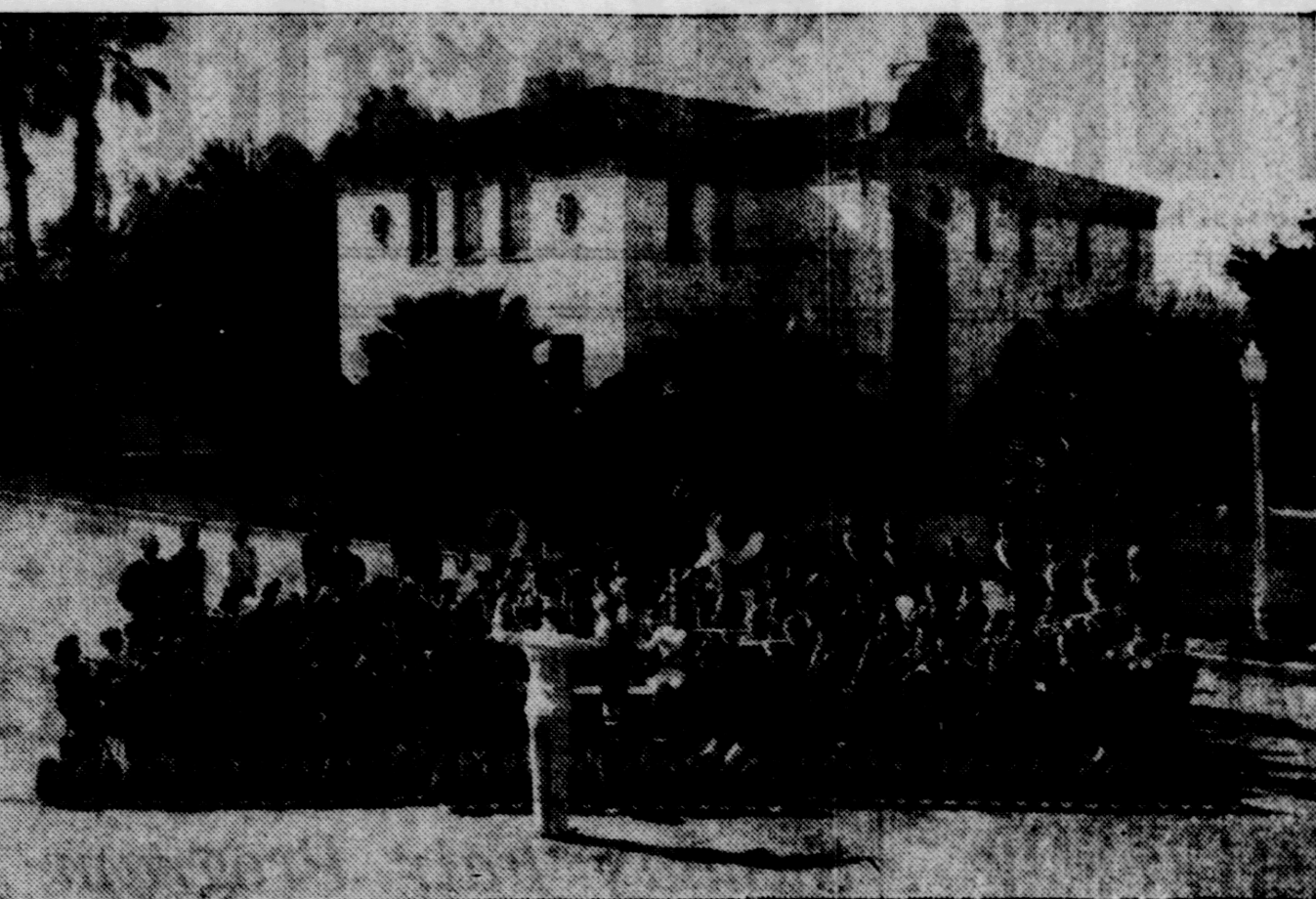
Charro Days will come to an end Sunday with considerable activity in Matamoros, and the speedboat regatta in Brownsville.

Townsend Fish Fry Is Again Postponed

PORT ISABEL—For the second time in as many weeks, the cold wave has postponed the Valley-wide Townsend fish fry scheduled here.

James C. Bunting, president of the Port Isabel Townsend club, announced Friday that the Sunday fish fry had been postponed indefinitely.

Weslaco's Championship Band At Fair



Here is Weslaco's proudest contribution to the Valley Mid-Winter Fair, the Weslaco high school band. This fine, 81-piece championship organization has won numerous honors in band competition during the past several years, and Sunday afternoon will be featured in concert to be given in the Harlingen municipal auditorium. William Krauledat is director of the band.

STATE CHAMP BAND CONCERT

Weslaco Unit Plays At Fair Today

HARLINGEN—Weslaco's champion high school band, directed by William Krauledat, will be presented in concert at 7:30 p. m. this Sunday at the municipal auditorium as a feature of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair.

The 81-piece band, which took part in the Parade of States, opening feature of the Fair, and made a hit with the big crowd viewing the event, has won many championships in school band competition during the past several years, and are certain to provide a treat Sunday afternoon for the many who attend the concert.

Student officers of the musical organization include Howard Lombard, president; Joseph Schoen, vice president; Alyn Holman, secretary; Katie Rogers, drum major; Billy Lee and Bruce Edwards, assistant conductors; Margaret Ann Mitchell, girls representative, and Carson Hoge, boys representative.

Sunday's concert program will include: Texas Plains, by Cassidy; Mannin Veen, by Wood; Valse Lente and Pizzicato Polka, by Delibes; Carry Me Back To Old Virginia, by Guy; Grieg, by Yoder; God Bless America, by Berlin; Niobe, by De Robertis; Down South, by Myddleton; Serenade Espanole, by Bizet; Victor Herbert favorites; and Stars and Stripes Forever, by Sousa.

Norris Would Back Wheeler For Chief
WASHINGTON—(P)—Senator Norris of Nebraska, independent ally of President Roosevelt, said Saturday that he would support Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) for the presidency if Wheeler obtained the Democratic nomination.

ALLOWABLES PROTEST
DALLAS—(P)—H. P. Nichols, executive vice-president of the East Texas Oil Association, said Saturday that East Texans would meet here next Friday to protest East Texas oil allowances and shutdowns.

STOLEN GADGET
HARLINGEN—Police and Dr. N. A. Davidson Saturday night speculated on the efferonery of a thief who took the physician's medical bag from his car in front of the house at 301 West Buchanan about 7 p. m.

The speculation centered on what the thief would do with the blood pressure instrument, since the doctor was registering the highest blood pressure in town. Police said they had no leads.

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DEATH IS SUICIDE
HOUSTON, Tex.—(P)—A verdict of suicide was returned by Justice Ben Moorhead in the death of W. F. Hancock, about 50, who was found shot to death Saturday in a hotel room here.

PLenty OF BIG JUICY STEAKS
You've gotta admit there are lots of good big juicy steaks under that big hide stretched out there before you in the picture above. This big fellow is one of the fine fed beves exhibited during the Valley Mid-Winter Fair, where auction for this type of stock was staged Saturday. Just further proof that the Valley can raise anything, including meat as good as you can find anywhere. And proof that Valley producers are finding feeder stock raising a profitable business. (Staff Photo.)

Edinburg Unit Sues W. L. Pearson
EDINBURG—A judgment of \$83,323.28 has been awarded the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District against W. L. Pearson of Houston in civil district court here in a foreclosure suit, court records disclosed Saturday.

The judgment represented foreclosure on a chattel mortgage and deed of trust and gives the school district title to property in Nueces County near Corpus Christi, a lot in Hollywood, Calif., and other holdings of the defendant at Barstow, Texas, and in Edinburg.

The suit here was the second the school district has filed against Pearson, well-known contractor who at one time figured prominently in Hidalgo construction activity. The first was settled February 1, 1934, in district court of Harris county when the district was given a note for \$50,000 by Pearson, secured by the property listed in the local judgment. Failing to receive payment on the note, the district instituted the second suit in 93rd District Court here last November.

Burn Victim Dies
Last Rites Held At Edinburg Church
EDINBURG—Aneta Pareida, 15, died at 4 p. m. Friday from burns suffered when the gasoline she was using to light a fire exploded and burned 90 per cent of her body.

Death occurred at County-City Hospital, four hours after the explosion at the home of her parents. Funeral services were held at the Edinburg Catholic Church Saturday morning. Surviving are her parents.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Kreidler Funeral Home.

Loan Group Gains
Valley Association Pays Six Percent
HARLINGEN—Steady growth of the Rio Grande Building and Loan Association was reflected Saturday in statement showing gain in resources and dividends over a three-year period. The association has paid six per cent since 1927, continuing to do this right on through the depression.

Total resources in 1937 were \$48,062.00, compared to \$89,008.92 in 1938 and \$143,093.62 in 1939. Dividends paid in 1927 amounted to \$1,908.17, which grew to \$3,311.14 in 1938 and to \$5,422.34 in 1939.

Directors are Tyre H. Brown, Ira E. Ellis, R. L. Hill, R. E. Mittenack, E. C. Breedlove and F. L. Flynn.

Cameron Valuations Cut To Be Asked

EROWNSVILLE—Ralph T. Agar, Cameron county tax assessor-collector, said Saturday he will recommend to county commissioners a reduction of 25 per cent in valuations on the county's real estate, on average, and on city lots, not on improvements—for 1940.

Such a reduction would cut the county's total valuations about \$3,000,000, to approximately \$2,250,000, he estimated.

At the same time he pointed out "a reduction in values will only result in an increase in tax rates, as all districts are compelled to service their bonds."

"I doubt seriously whether an increase in personal property assessments could be made to offset the reduction without seriously affecting the collection of tax on the personal property," he said.

A reduction of the valuation on real estate he considers necessary to assess the property at its cash market value, which he recommends for both real and personal property, "and I am requesting the taxpayers to render their property that way."

Mr. Agar recommends also that tax suits be filed against all delinquent taxpayers. "By disinterested I mean those who have not interviewed me, paid their current tax and made satisfactory arrangement to pay their delinquent tax."

He suggests that where delinquent tax exceeds the present value of property, the tax be reassessed "where reason may be found for so doing."

"We have found that in tax sales held so far," he said, "it has been necessary for some tax district to buy in the property, no individual bids being offered, and this in all probability will result in less revenue than would be received under a reassessment."

Two Valley Deaths Same
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walking toward Weslaco from a beer parlor between Donna and Weslaco, or that he might have been beaten. Before he died, he muttered a few words about a "tourist court." The officers, which Weslaco police, the Hidalgo county sheriff's office and the district attorney's office, revealed blood-stained rags had been found in a highway ditch about three-quarters of a mile from Weslaco.

Adamson Death
Adamson was found early on the morning of January 22, unconscious on the floor of his room—locked from the inside. At first officers believed the man had suffered a stroke, but examination of his body (following his whispered words about being beaten) showed it to be a welter of cuts and bruises. The Adamson death is being investigated by Weslaco police, the Hidalgo county sheriff's department, and Texas Rangers, who were sent here at request of Lee Adamson of Brownsville, son of the second victim, who has demanded thorough investigation of how his father died.

Results of purchased cattle sales were:
Clifford Powers, Sinton, bought by J. A. Garcia and Daugherty for \$125.
T. S. Wallace, sold to Alice Sale Yards, for \$115.
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(See Picture At Bottom Of Page)
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Forty-two head of the 4-H boys' and FFA boys' calves brought approximately \$4800.

More than 225 head of feeder cattle were sold, bringing over \$12,000. Results of the 4-H and FFA division of the cattle sale were: Owner, buyer, price and purchase listed in order.

Top baby beef owned by Aron and Harold Reynolds of McAllen was bought by the Southwestern Packing Company for the First National Bank of Harlingen for 20 cents per pound.

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Kenneth Morrow, Lyford, bought for Sherman Grocery, Harlingen, for 13.25 cents by Henry Carlisle.

Ross Johnson, bought for Hausmann Packing Company, Brownsville, for 15 cents.

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Aron and Harold Reynolds, bought by Deane's, Harlingen, for 10.75 cents.

Ross Williams, bought by Snowden and Jones auction yards, for 10.50 cents.

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Truck Damage High
Reports of heavy damage to the truck crops throughout the south have been received at the Louisiana office of the United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service, according to Clarence O. Parker, truck crop statistician of the marketing service.

Reports have been received here from Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Texas, Alabama and Virginia.

The reports issued by Parker Saturday said:

"The cold wave which moved into the southern truck crop areas on January 18 continues with temperatures as low as 23 to 25 degrees in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas on January 23. Reports received from field statisticians of the agricultural marketing service summarize the situation as follows:

"Florida—Temperatures were down to 25 degrees at Hastings, 22 at Gainesville and 32 at Belle Glade, but rising temperatures and gentle rains were reported January 23. North Florida cabbage was seriously damaged with about 40 per cent loss of tonnage. Frost in the Everglades on the morning of January 22 caused loss of about half green peas and 25 to 50 per cent of the snap beans. Future shipments of green peas from state will be reduced about 50 per cent and snap beans 10 to 15 per cent. Fifteen per cent of the early transplanted green peppers at Plant City were killed. Though cucumbers in Sumter county were badly damaged but will be replanted. No frost damage occurred in the lower east coast states. Damage to citrus fruit was slight.

U. S. Estimates
"Texas—Vegetables and citrus fruits apparently are damaged seriously and with temperatures still below freezing at Brownsville this morning, it is still too early to appraise the extent of loss. Snowfall may have protected crops in the winter garden area, but heavy frost the morning of January 23 followed by sunshine was particularly damaging in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Many cabbage heads are split and beet tops show effects of freezing. Carrots are less injured. Citrus fruits showed ice crystals. Much grapefruit is definitely ruined for fresh shipment and is being processed as rapidly as possible. Valencia oranges just coming into production show less damage than other citrus fruits. It will be 10 days before loss of fruit can be determined and two or three days after the weather moderates before the extent of damage to vegetables is known. Continued cold is predicted for another 24 hours.

Valley Fair Is Extended
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day and Tuesday. Dorothy Herbert, originally slated to ride the horses, was injured while executing a blindfolded fire jump Wednesday night and Johnny took over for the remainder of the fair.

The "Adams Musical Family," which drew a large crowd Saturday afternoon will be presented at 1:30 p. m. in the auditorium. They will offer a free concert.

The big livestock auction sale was held Saturday morning and afternoon at the cattle barns and brought in over \$17,000, fair officials said Saturday night.

The model airplane contests will be held in front of the grandstand immediately after the midjet auto races Sunday afternoon.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate several thousand automobiles parking inside the fairgrounds during the remainder of the fair, at both gates, Sidney Kring, fair manager, said late Saturday night.

Fair Manager Sidney Kring said at midnight Saturday that approximately 12,000 persons entered the gates at the Fair Saturday. All children were admitted free of charge.

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Edinburg Unit Sues W. L. Pearson
EDINBURG—A judgment of \$83,323.28 has been awarded the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District against W. L. Pearson of Houston in civil district court here in a foreclosure suit, court records disclosed Saturday.

The judgment represented foreclosure on a chattel mortgage and deed of trust and gives the school district title to property in Nueces County near Corpus Christi, a lot in Hollywood, Calif., and other holdings of the defendant at Barstow, Texas, and in Edinburg.

The suit here was the second the school district has filed against Pearson, well-known contractor who at one time figured prominently in Hidalgo construction activity. The first was settled February 1, 1934, in district court of Harris county when the district was given a note for \$50,000 by Pearson, secured by the property listed in the local judgment. Failing to receive payment on the note, the district instituted the second suit in 93rd District Court here last November.

Burn Victim Dies
Last Rites Held At Edinburg Church
EDINBURG—Aneta Pareida, 15, died at 4 p. m. Friday from burns suffered when the gasoline she was using to light a fire exploded and burned 90 per cent of her body.

Death occurred at County-City Hospital, four hours after the explosion at the home of her parents. Funeral services were held at the Edinburg Catholic Church Saturday morning. Surviving are her parents.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Kreidler Funeral Home.

DEATH IS SUICIDE
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The collector estimated issuance of poll tax receipts had passed the 500 mark daily for the last half of the week, and that they would exceed that figure each day until the deadline, next Wednesday.

"It is safe to say," he declared, "that Hidalgo will have a large list of eligible voters this year, from the way people are coming in to the office here and applying to agents at other points over the country."

Collector Everhard estimated that the 8,000 mark had been passed on poll taxes Saturday. No accurate count was available because of the rush at the office.

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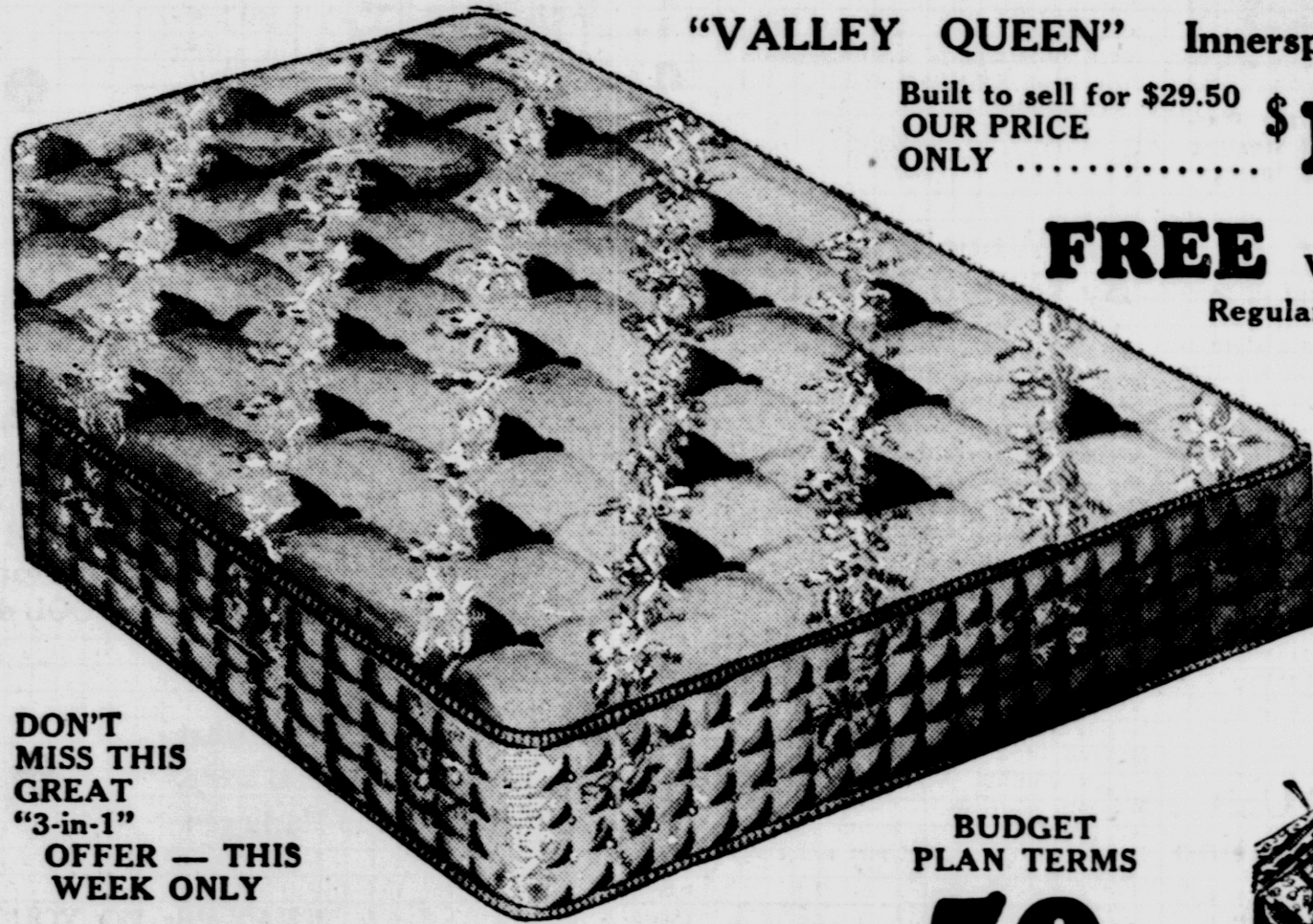
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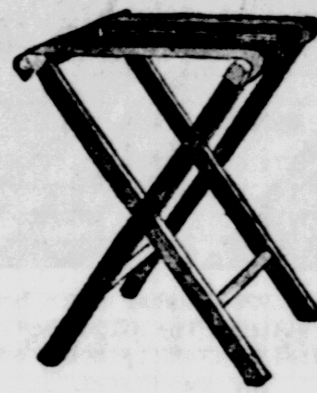
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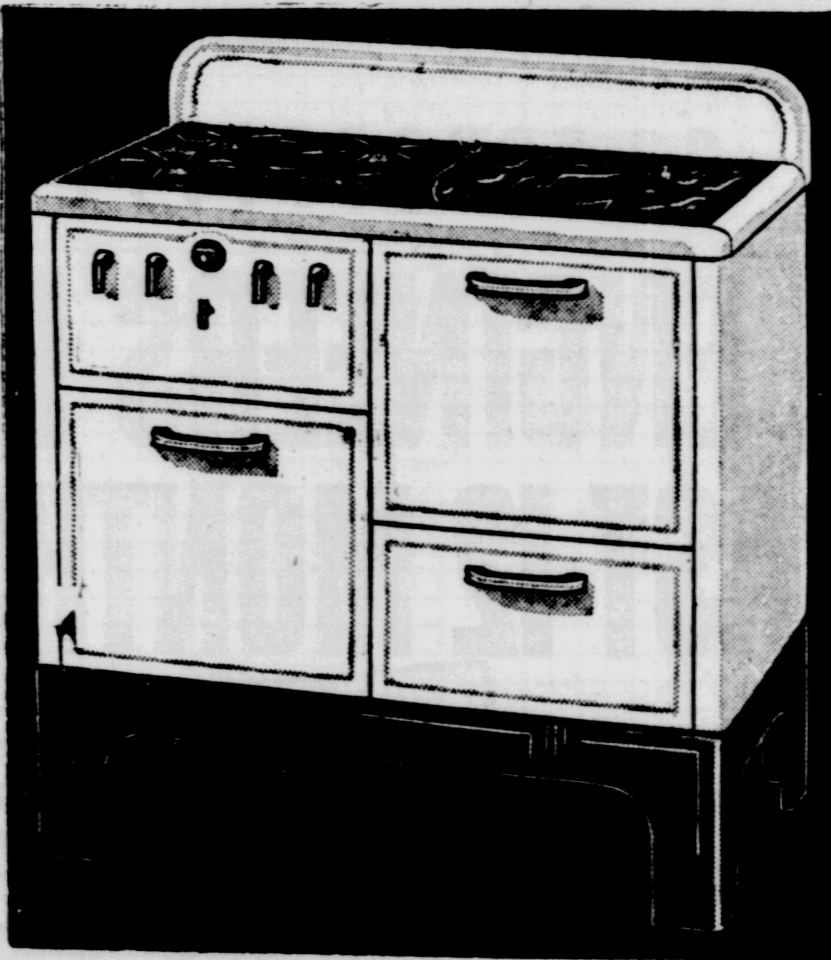
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HEARING SET IN DEATH OF FEDERAL MAN

2 Men Are Charged With Murder

EDINBURG — Preliminary hearings for Felipe Solis and Guillermo Vinicia, both charged with murder in the January 17 death of Patrol Inspector William L. Sills of the United States Border Patrol in Starr county, have been moved ahead to February 2, U. S. Commissioner H. V. Watts announced here Saturday. Watts said the continuance of the hearing, originally scheduled for January 26, was granted after the defendants informed him they were still seeking counsel and the government's attorney at Houston asked more time in which to prepare its case.

Solis and Vinicia were taken into custody the night of January 17 after both Inspector Sills and Moises "El Mochito" Alvarado were shot to death in a gun battle at a scene where three men were allegedly surprised by patrolmen in the act of smuggling goats across the Rio Grande. Alvarado was killed instantly, and Sills died en route to the McAllen hospital. Alvarado's body was later taken back across the river by friends, according to Chief Patrol Inspector Fletcher Rawls.

Solis and Vinicia are residents of La Grulla and, according to border patrol records, are American citizens. Alvarado was a Mexican citizen and was listed in patrol files as a bad man, deported at least once before by U. S. authorities.

The two defendants in the murder case are also charged with smuggling, on which they were granted bonds of \$1,000 each by Commissioner Watts several days ago. They are in custody at the federal jail at Brownsville. The murder cases are not bailable. Both charges were filed by Assistant U. S. Attorney George O.B. John of Houston.

Brothers Charged In Narcotics Case

NEW YORK —(P)—The 3 Neiditch brothers fell afoul of the government Friday for the second time in a week—charged with being the "most powerful operators in narcotic traffic" uncovered by the federal narcotics bureau in 20 years.

The three—Harry, George and Charles—were indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate narcotics laws and released in \$1,500 bail each for a hearing February 13.

Relief Office Gets Transient Supplies

HARLINGEN—Mrs. Kurt Naumann of the Harlingen welfare office Saturday expressed appreciation for the response of citizens to the call for clothing for those placed in need by the cold weather. The local Red Cross chapter donated \$50 for emergency relief purposes. Mrs. Naumann said.

Negro Goes To Pen In Car Murder Case

CORSICANA —(P)—Willie Corsican, Malakoff negro, was found guilty of murder and given two years in the penitentiary by a jury here Saturday night.

He was tried in connection with the death of Mrs. Crump Huff of Longview, fatally injured in an automobile collision here last July.

This Group Certain To Be Treated Well

HOUSTON —(P)—The government of Guatemala Saturday instructed its local consul, T. L. Evans, to show every courtesy to the Latin-American aerial tour party leaving here February 4.

The instructions no doubt will be followed. Evans happens to be manager of the tour.

FISH FRY POSTPONED

PORT ISABEL — The Townsend Club fish fry scheduled here this week Friday had been postponed indefinitely. James C. Bunting, president, announced. He said the supper would be announced later.

CHARRO BUG BITES BEAUTIES



Miss Maria Romero of Dallas, left, and Miss Marjorie McGuire of Nashville, Tenn., hostesses for Briffett Airways and American Air Lines, respectively, became infected with the spirit of Charro Days when they met in Brownsville, and donned Charro costume, while on a goodwill tour to Mexico. "I guess Charro Days is not a disease, but it's infectious, anyhow," Miss McGuire said.

Weslaco Proves City Ownership Of Waterworks Can Be Made Profitable By Efficient Operation

Profit Is Shown By Manager In New Reports

By BRAD SMITH

WESLACO — Proving that municipal ownership and operation of water system can be made a financial success, and in addition, help a municipality shoulder some of its other financial burdens, Weslaco city officials have just released the annual report on the Weslaco waterworks system for 1939.

City Secretary Virgin Thompson has presented the annual report to the city commission which shows that the system sold \$38,063.82 worth of water during the past year and that the cost of operating the system was considerably below that figure. Thus was provided a "nice profit," Thompson stated. The figure quoted was the gross revenue for the past year. It showed an increase of \$1,543.60, or slightly more than 4 per cent over 1938. Weslaco citizens used 120,000,000 gallons of water in 1939, or at least, the city bought that many gallons from Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 9. Of course, some of the water was used by the fire department, for operation of the municipal sewage disposal system and for other municipal uses.

Rate About Same

Weslaco's city water rate to consumers is about the same as that charged in other Valley cities. The regular minimum rate provides 4,000 gallons for \$2, the minimum bill for any consumer. The city also offers a special "sprinkling rate," however, in order to provide ample water at a low enough rate to encourage property owners to maintain their premises in an attractive way by growing grass, shrubs and flowers. This rate provides 10,000 gallons of water for a minimum charge of \$3, plus 15 cents per 1,000 gallons in excess of 10,000 gallons. About half of Weslaco's 1,000 water customers use the "sprinkler rate."

Former Valley Resident Dies At Age Of 105 Years

McALLEN — Mrs. Susan Rebecca Dent Taylor, 105 years of age and a familiar figure in McAllen for a decade, died Saturday morning at San Antonio at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Seymour Taylor, according to information received here.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Kreidler chapel in McAllen with Rev. Henry W. Shirley, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment will take place at Rose Lawn cemetery here with A. T. Ray, W. T. Gartman, F. B. Webb, T. W. Kelly, George T. Murray and T. W. Worley serving as pallbearers.

Mrs. Taylor—known to one and all of her many acquaintances simply as "Grandma"—made her home here for eight or ten years before moving to San Antonio several years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Taylor of San Antonio, and Mrs. C. W. Porter, Monticello, Ark.; two granddaughters, a grandson, and a niece, Mrs. M. L. Brady of McAllen.

Mrs. Taylor always attributed her long life to clean living habits. She was unusually active, celebrating one of her recent birthdays in San Antonio by taking an airplane ride. Her advanced age made her eligible for innumerable stories in the San Antonio papers, and her picture was familiar to readers from San Antonio to the Valley.

She was a member of the Baptist church for years, and members of the local congregation recalled that she was one of two persons ever honored by being allowed a place in a rocking chair in the aisle alongside the pews at the church auditorium. She never occupied a regular seat but always used the rocker. The other elderly member who won similar attention was the late Dr. Granger Wheaton Smith, pastor of the church and later pastor emeritus.

Gospel songs from Edward McHugh, to be heard over a national hookup Sunday, had been dedicated to Mrs. Taylor. McHugh, the Gospel Singer, dedicated songs last year in honor of Mrs. Taylor's 104 anniversary.

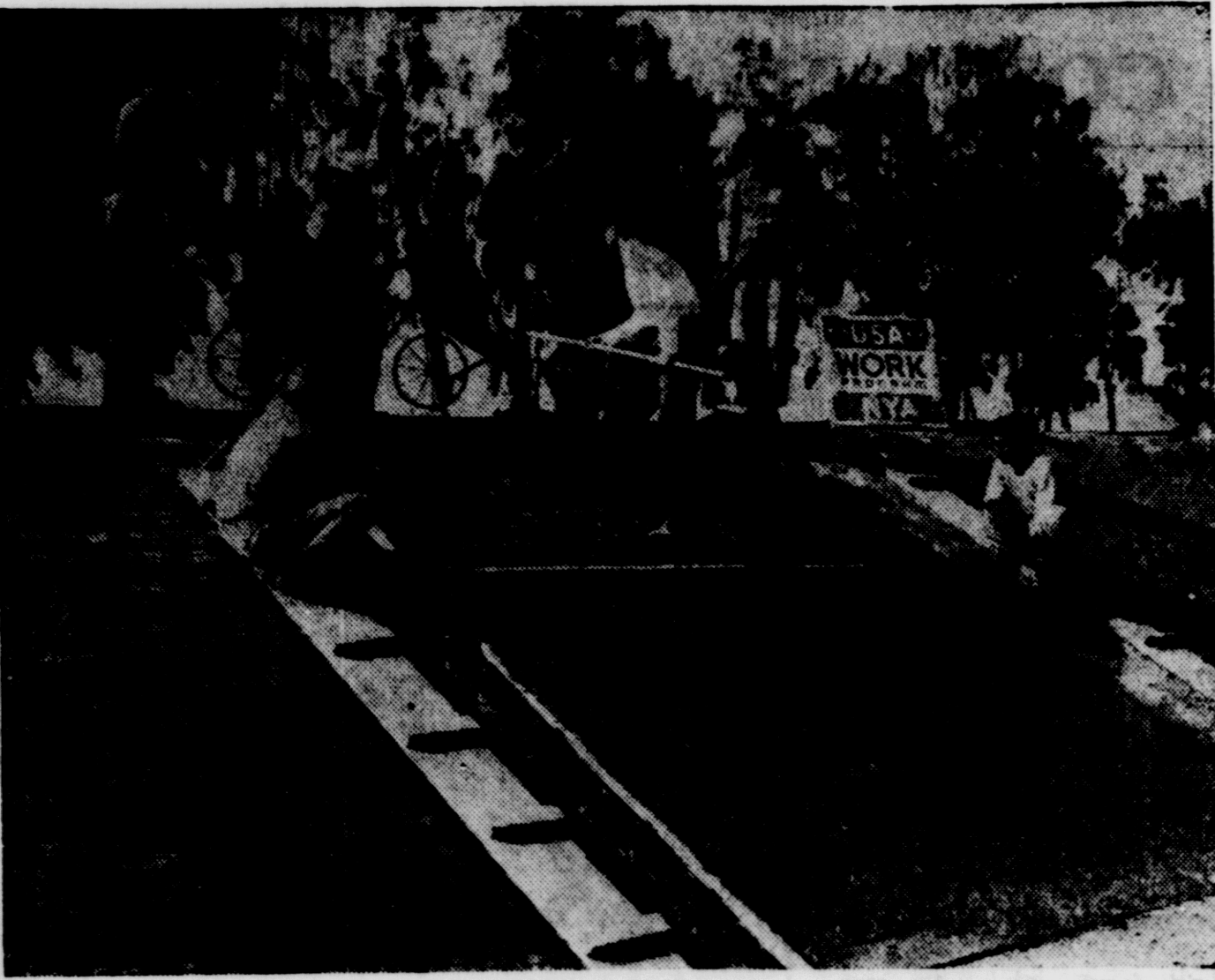
M. P. APPLIES FOR SEATRAN

Hofmotel Returns From Hearing

BROWNSVILLE — F. W. Hofmotel, director of the Port of Brownsville, returned Saturday from Galveston where he attended the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on application of the Missouri Pacific to establish a searail between Texas City and eastern seaboard ports.

Seatrains have been in operation for several years between New Orleans, Havana and New York, but this is the first time that an effort has been made to establish such a service between Texas Gulf ports and the Atlantic coast.

Hofmotel said that Texas ports, with the exception of Texas City, appeared in opposition to the proposal. The hearing attracted the interest of scores of port and railroad attorneys representing various interests in favor of and opposed to the plan.



NTA workers pouring concrete on the \$8,000 Dunbar filter bed now being constructed for the Weslaco municipal waterworks and sewage system. The filter bed will add 6,000 square feet of treating space at the Weslaco sewage disposal plant and will provide adequate facilities for Weslaco's increasing population.

The waterworks system in Weslaco, in addition to paying for itself, is also paying for the city's sanitary sewer system and provides a little money for general fund uses. From each \$2 minimum monthly water charge collected, the city deducts 50 cents to provide an interest and sinking fund for retiring outstanding sewer system bonds and for operating the sewage disposal system. No charge for sewer service is made by the city. There are now only \$35,000 in bonds outstanding against the sewer system and the issue matures in 1949.

The city anticipates no difficulty in meeting these maturities. The city values its sewage disposal plant at \$31,372 and its sewerage and drainage system at \$30,000 for a total sewage system investment of \$61,372. A new Dunbar filter bed is now being installed at the disposal plant which will greatly increase the capacity of the plant in anticipation of Weslaco's future needs. This project, jointly financed by the city and the National Youth Administration, calls for a \$6,000 expenditure by the N.Y.A. and \$1,700 by the city. It will provide 6,000 additional square feet of

GROUP HONORS KIWANIS DATE

Rev. Smith Addresses Club At Pharr

PHARR — Pharr Kiwanians celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary of Kiwanis International with an outstanding program Thursday which was attended by 31 members and 20 guests.

Principal speaker was Rev. J. Beatty Smith of San Juan who spoke on the Kiwanis International theme for 1940, "Citizenship Responsibility—the Price of Liberty." To uphold liberty, he listed three things—the ballot, individual service, and international leadership by America.

Miss Lee Miller of Chicago furnished the highlight for the meeting with her singing of popular numbers. She was encored time and again. The club joined with her in singing "God Bless America." Miss Fay Jones of McAllen was accompanist.

George McCullough was program chairman. Visitors were O. A. Cunningham, Monte Vista, Colo.; E. G. Reynolds, Butch Stutzenbecker, Bill Pate, Phillip Boyce, John Loyce, H. K. Sharp, Chris Carey, E. E. Porter, Paul Jones and Wilfred Dean, all of McAllen; A. W. Soderberg, Wichita, Kans.; Sandy Alton, San Antonio; O. C. Caswell, W. Lijstrand and Otto Kusel, Edinburg; and W. H. Maddux, Pharr.

Nazis Warn Against Allied Broadcasts

BERLIN —(P)—The Berlin radio issued a stern warning Saturday night, reminding Germans of the ban against listening to foreign broadcasts and citing cases of violators sentenced to long jail terms.

One Man Is Injured In Saturday Mishap

MATAMOROS, Tamps.—Benigno Vega, Matamoros, was in Civil Hospital Saturday night, attached to in a not serious condition, after he was struck by an auto driven by Anastacio G. Garcia, Brownsville, near the Juarez Market.

Police Lieutenant Erasmo Blanco said Garcia told him he made every effort to avoid hitting the aged man, who apparently stepped off a curb into the path of the auto. Special Investigator Jose Castro held an investigation, holding Garcia temporarily.

The first bank was said to have been established in Italy by the Lombard Jews in 808.

Wheeler Speaks To United Miners Meet

WASHINGTON —(P)—Senator Wheeler of Montana, about the only democratic candidate who is not on John L. Lewis' scratch list, spoke to the United Mine Workers in the spirit and used many of the words of Lewis.

Japs Say Will Not 'Yield To Threats'

TOKYO —(P)—Determination that Japan "never will yield to threats" from abroad appeared Saturday as the first reaction to termination by the United States of the 1911 treaty governing trade between the two countries.

JAPS SEEKING MEXICO TRADE

Pact Expiration Leads To New Drive

MEXICO CITY —(P)—Reliable sources Saturday reported that expiration of the Japanese-United States commercial treaty already has resulted in an intensive drive by Japan to expand her trade with Mexico—particularly in oil.

Japan now obtains most of the oil needed to run her vast industrial and war machines from California wells but was said to be making preparations to obtain Mexican oil in case of a United States embargo.

Iron Explored

A secondary consideration, these sources said, was the exploitation of Mexico's iron resources.

Mexico, holding nearly 18,000,000 barrels of thus far unsaleable oil and willing to negotiate a barter pact, has been receptive to Japanese representatives now here.

Get Oil Permits

Japanese delegations, well informed quarters indicated, have obtained new oil well drilling permits.

Informed foreign sources said the Japanese also were studying means of assisting the Mexican government in dredging Salina Cruz, Pacific coast port, and improving petroleum storage facilities there. At present, it is almost impossible to ship Mexican oil from a Pacific coast port.

Sen. Wheeler Backed By United Mine Men

COLUMBUS, O. —(P)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Montana democrat, generally was credited Saturday by political observers with having the United Mine Workers of America's 600,000 members back of him for the presidential nomination if Franklin D. Roosevelt decides to forego a third-term bid.

Three Are Trapped In Illinois Blaze

MACOMB, Ill. —(P)—A young woman and three children burned to death Saturday in a fire that destroyed their home as they slept.

The victims were Mrs. Olive Wishton, 22, a divorcee; her daughter, Connie Roberta, 2; her son, Junior Duane, 9 months; and her sister, Oledia Shilps, 8.

Weslaco IOOF Unit Holds Installation

WESLACO — Weslaco Odd Fellows held the regular installation service Tuesday night in the I. O. O. F. hall, with District Deputy Grand Master F. M. Cooper of Donna as the installing officer.

Members selected to serve for the new term were S. L. Owen, noble grand, and supporters A. A. Sneathen and W. W. Ludwig; vice grand, Lester Tisdale and supporters, Dr. Beller and Jack Gallion; E. I. Emmons, recording secretary; J. F. Smith, financial secretary; J. B. Funk, treasurer; J. D. Bricey, wardens; H. C. Barber, conductor; Eddie Henricksen, chaplain; H. Hudson, inside guard; Ben Guess, outside guard; Lawrence Ferking, past noble grand.

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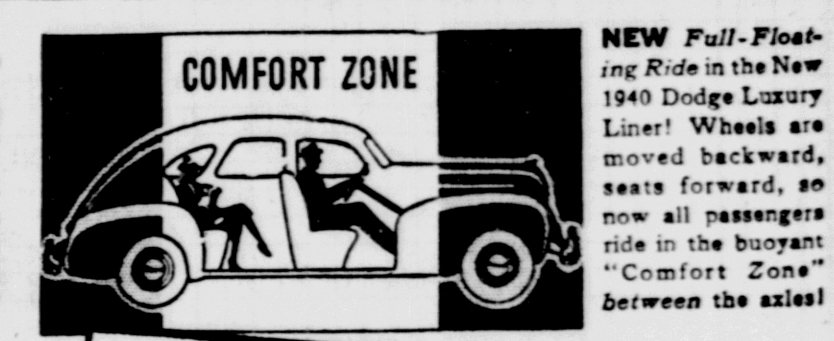
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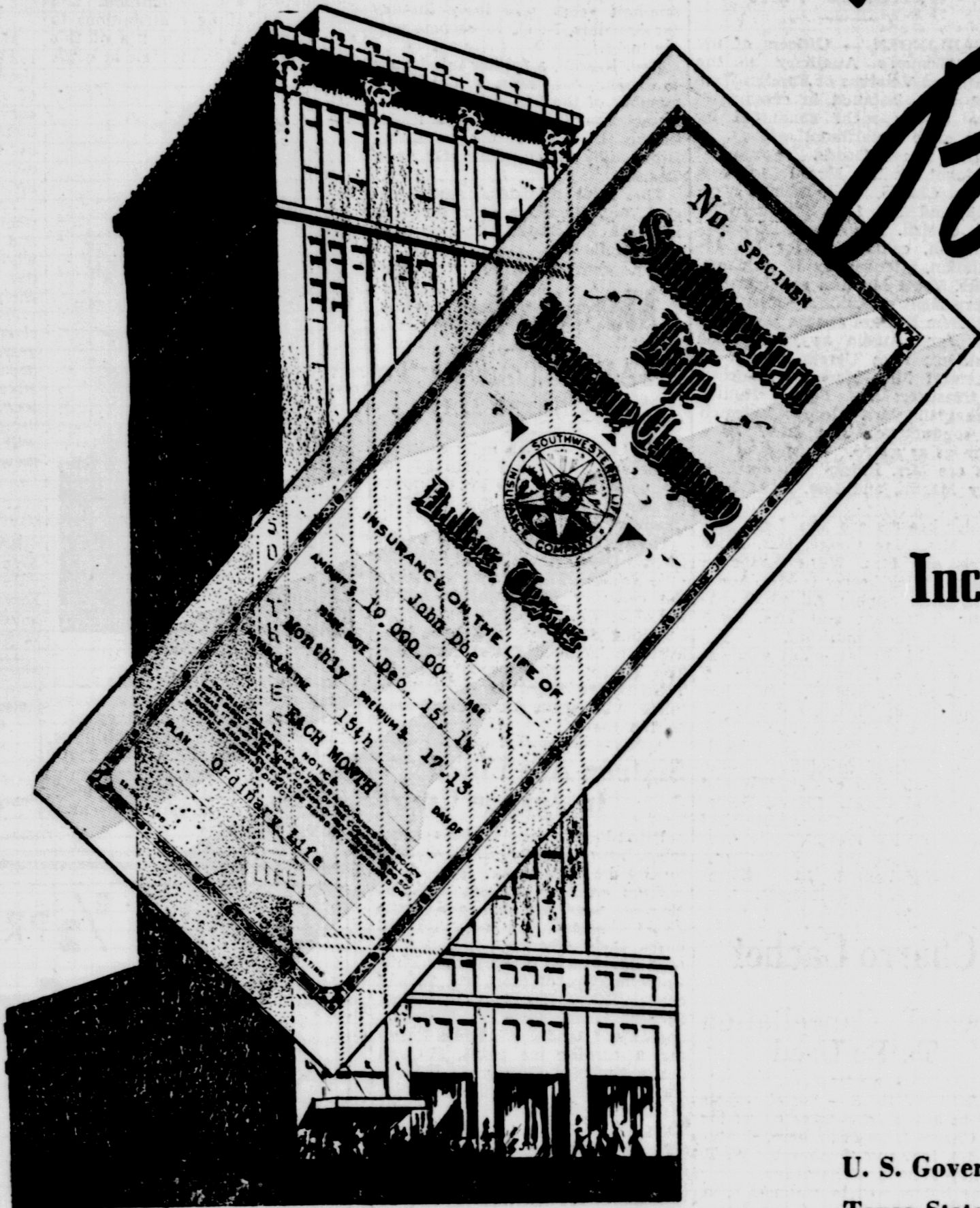


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ASSETS

	December 31 1938	December 31 1939
U. S. Government Bonds	\$12,369,768.05	\$10,756,292.93
Texas State, County and Municipal Bonds	14,296,401.34	14,568,579.00
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds	2,711,302.32	3,480,366.30
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate	12,820,349.85	18,048,008.29
Home Office Building	1,475,000.00	1,450,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,498,290.95	1,496,777.52
Stocks	399,652.25	576,928.00
Cash	1,375,738.84	1,657,303.53
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance	114,940.00	128,962.00
Interest on Investments Accrued But Not Yet Due	664,775.64	683,310.76
Unpaid Mortgage Interest	60,137.78	103,909.88
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	13,413,942.51	14,238,782.22
	<u>\$61,200,299.53</u>	<u>\$67,189,220.43</u>

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves	\$52,129,249.08	\$57,804,399.47
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	1,103,352.09	1,090,664.20
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	357,123.57	454,156.76
Total Liabilities	<u>\$53,589,724.74</u>	<u>\$59,349,220.43</u>
Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyowners:		
Capital Stock	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Surplus	3,610,574.79	3,840,000.00
	<u>\$61,200,299.53</u>	<u>\$67,189,220.43</u>

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- ✓ Southwestern Life has never had a default in payment of principal or interest on any bond owned by it. Market value of bonds December 31, 1939, exceeded by \$2,596,276 the book value used in the balance sheet.
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Valley Scout Leaders Map Plans For 1940 Activities, Funds Campaign

BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR IS VOTED UPON

Goal Is To Triple Enrollment Here

MERCED—Plans to triple Boy Scout enrollment in the Rio Grande Valley, to double the number of troops to expand activities and to launch the annual campaign for funds on Feb. 12, were mapped by officials meeting at the City Hall here this week.

Twenty men, representing every Valley community, voted to adopt a budget of \$14,705.12, a figure determined after two months of study and surveys by committees in various cities. The executive board approved the budget and plans for the funds drive were turned over to the finance committee.

Must Train Youth

"America must not let her youth remain untrained and subject to propaganda by foreign nations," said Scout Executive A. H. Dreyer, Merced, head of scouting in the four Valley counties. "We must give our boys an outlet for their natural enthusiasms, and must train them along democratic principles. If we don't, you may rest assured those promoting various isms will attempt to capture their beliefs."

Total number of Valley boys enrolled in scouting at present is only 1,300. There are 54 units or troops, composed of from two to five patrols each. The 1940 objective is to add 41 units.

A survey this fall revealed at least 2,000 boys of scouting age who would like to join, but who haven't been approached. A further survey is now being made to gain a more accurate figure.

Bennet Presides

The Merced meeting was presided over by E. C. Bennet of Harlingen, campaign chairman. Those present included Mr. Bennet, Mr. Dreyer, Keith McCashe, Valley-wide chairman, and the following district leaders:

District 1, Brownsville, Jack Wiech, Thurman Kruger and Matthew Lynn; District 2, San Benito, Morgan Finley; District 3, La Feria, Ralph Smith, Perry Bond, and Ben Woods; District 6, Mercedes, J. H. Davis and Gene Brown; District 7, Weslaco, Don Ransom and Frank White; District 11, McAllen, Dick Harris and Ernest Polzin; District 12, Mission, E. B. Williams, Lloyd Ramey and E. E. Marburger.

Norwegian Princess Calls On All Women

OSLO, Norway.—(P)—Crown Princess Martha appealed to Norwegian women in a broadcast Friday night to prepare as much as possible to take over men's work in the event of national mobilization or war.

FOLSOOMS VISIT MEXICO

MCALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Folsom returned Friday night after a two weeks' trip to Mexico City.

Garner Says Lewis' Opposition Is The Best Political Asset He Has, And He Is Sorry The CIO Leader Flayed FDR

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Vice-President Garner told friends Saturday that "John L. Lewis' opposition is the best political asset I have."

That was described authoritatively as the vice president's

LABOR VOTE RULES-LEWIS

Warns Democrats Not To Be 'Stupid'

(Garner's reply, adjoining column) COLUMBUS, O.—(P)—John L. Lewis bluntly advised the Democratic party's leadership Saturday that any hope of victory in November without labor's help was "the depth of stupidity."

The CIO chieftain, who has suggested the Democrats join forces with labor for the 1940 presidential campaign, warned it was "fatal strategy" for the party leaders to believe that his followers had "no place to go."

While practically eliminating the Republican party as a haven because of "its frankly hostile attitude," Lewis declined to suggest an alternative.

He avoided committing himself on presidential possibilities at a press conference, which followed a week's sessions of the United Mine Workers fraught with political implications.

"I have no candidate as yet," he said.

The most important question, he said, was not who will be nominated for president, but what the Democratic party proposes to do for the country.

Committee Critical Of Loan Insurance

WASHINGTON.—(P)—A proposal that the Farm Security Administration insure \$350,000,000 worth of tenant farm-purchasing loans drew fire from members of the House agriculture committee at a hearing Thursday.

Tip o' Texas Topics



No paved road leads to the Xochicalco pyramids off the Cuernavaca-Taxco highway and it can be reached only after a 15-minute climb up a hill. It is well worth seeing, however.

By HARRY FOEHNER

We'll just go into our song and dance about Mexico again without further ado, taking up just about where we left off a week ago with our odd and sundry notes jotted down on a trip through the Southern Republic.

Those who have heard about the famous thieves' market in Mexico City where valuable trinkets could be bought for a song, will be disappointed as we were to learn that it is no more.

Also missing are the jai alai games or pelota played on courts called frontons. They have been banned because gambling was an integral part of the sport, even more so than with American horse racing, betting taking place point by point with the odds changing every minute. Played mostly by imported Cubans, it was reputedly the fastest athletic sport in the world.

Bullfighting still goes on unabated and the latest sensation was a girl bullfighter from Peru.

At least one American woman tourist, we won't mention any names just to preserve domestic harmony, ran into trouble with Mexican water faucets. She couldn't understand why she should be getting hot water out of faucets marked "C" until she decided that possibly it did stand for "caliente" instead of cold.

Buena Noche beer is a novelty mid-winter tourists run into in Mexico. It is brewed only once a year and at first only directors of the brewery were able to have it. Then the supply got beyond the capacity of the directors and now the public may have it during the Christmas season. That is the reason for the name which means Christmas eve.

The Valley Mid-Winter Fair was unofficially represented at an American embassy tea in Mexico.

We met Ambassador Josephus Daniels and he graciously invited us to a reception that was to be given that afternoon to a San Francisco delegation which was seeking a Mexican exhibit at their next exposition. Mr. Ambassador said that a Dallas delegation was on hand seeking a similar exhibit at the Texas State Fair and that since New York also had a delegation wanting an exhibit for the World's Fair in 1940 that we might just put in a bid for the Harlingen fair.

Mountainside farming between Tamazunchale and Ixmiquilpan amazes the foreign visitor. We had heard that farming was done on steep mountain sides that corn could be harvested by shooting off the ears with a rifle and letting them roll down to one's feet. It was Mrs. Wilbur Wiegand of Mexico City who told us that the Indian farmers in some cases actually tie themselves to trees while cultivating these farms and it is easily believable. Most of the cultivating apparently consists merely of punching holes in the ground, placing seeds in them and keeping weeds down with a hoe although furrows were to be seen in places.

Notable vegetation seen from the highway: Palm forests and orchids between Valles and Tamazunchale, red nopal cactus leaves on the road to Cuernavaca and Taxco, oranges and tangerines near Montemorelos (confidentially, the brilliant tangerines are Mexico's best citrus), blue-bonnets in profusion between Cuernavaca and Taxco, the most brilliant colored bougainvillea we ever saw (maybe it was the mountain sunshine that made them seem that way) at Cuernavaca where they had two shades of red, the purple shade so familiar to Valley people and the so-called yellow which is really more flame colored than anything else, trees whose names were unknown to us having soft but bright red trunks, and dozens of other unidentified specimens.

Tropical fruits and vegetables with the possible exception of bananas, aguacates, pineapples and citrus usually don't appeal much to tourists. Guavas and mangoes were out of season. Granada China (Chinese pomegranate) did not appeal nor did some of the vegetables such as jicama, pronounced surprisingly like cucumber, looking like huge turnips, tasting like rutabagas and probably something entirely different from any of these.

It is a temptation to bring back specimens of orchids and other plants but all are banned except bananas, pineapples, and grapes. No fruits with seeds may be brought back under U. S. department of agriculture regulations.

Tourists using Mexican taxis sometimes gasp to see Ford or Chevrolet speedometers marked up to 160. Well, it's kilometers and not miles if it bothers you although they seem to drive that fast in miles in heavy traffic sometimes. Best way to tell how far you are from any place is to have a map showing the distance in miles and note the mileage at stopping points. Forgetting that, a way of roughly determining distances in miles is to multiply kilometers by five and dividing by eight. Litres, the measure by which gasoline is sold, gets some tourists mixed up. A litre is equal to 1.0567 quarts and the average tank will hold 40 to 50. Gasoline costs 18 centavos a litre.

This series will be concluded next week, the editor permitting further rambling.

A Message to Texans

Cotton Bags mean Jobs for Texans



TEXAS produces 14,000,000 boxes of CITRUS FRUIT each year. 1,000 box-size bags require 2-3 of a bale of cotton. It would require the lint of 20,000 acres and about 2,000,000 hours of farm labor to provide the cotton alone for sufficient bags to sack the Texas Citrus crop. 100,000 hours of bag factory labor, too, would add to the income of Texas people—so

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Veterans Auxiliary Officials Visit

HARLINGEN — Officers of the new Women's Auxiliary to the Harlingen Veterans of Foreign Wars Post were installed in ceremonies here Friday night conducted by three state department officers.

Mrs. Irene Dodds, department president, Dallas; Mrs. Icie Shoop, Corpus Christi, Sixth District president, and Mrs. Lola Sanders, Corpus Christi, department hospital chairman, came here for the installation, attended by 17 members.

Mrs. Vadie McMinn was installed as president of Auxiliary Post 2410; Mrs. Bess Howard as vice president; Mrs. Jane Austin as junior vice president; Miss Dorcas Larson as secretary; Mrs. Margaret Hancock as treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Hunter as chaplain; Mrs. Almira Engleman as conductress, and Mrs. Julia Knowles as guard. Trustees of the post are Mrs. Herma Bosson, Mrs. Lucy Martin, and Mrs. Della Larson.

Color bearers are Mrs. Lelia Millard, Mrs. Mae Cooke, Mrs. Alice Harris and Mrs. Willie Kathryn Romine. Flag bearer is Mrs. Audie Scott; Mrs. Sophia Adams is patriotic instructor, and Mrs. Julia Kleinschmidt is musician.

Mrs. Julia Kleinschmidt was appointed Sixth District musician by the district president, Mrs. Icie Shoop, Corpus Christi, and was installed during the ceremonies.

Plans were perfected for attendance of a local delegation to the district conference of the VFW and auxiliary at Corpus Christi Saturday and Sunday. Commander Sid Howard of VFW Post 2410 was present to welcome the new auxiliary, and complimented Mrs. Kleinschmidt on her appointment.

Charro Cachet

Special Cancellation To Be Used

BROWNSVILLE — Postal cachets will be available in three colors for the Charro Days fiesta here, February 1-4, inclusive. Postmaster W. T. Burnett announced Saturday.

The letters will be stamped with the cachet on each of the fiesta days in the postoffice lobby, he said. Colors are red, green and black. Attractively designed by Mrs. George McGonigle, Jr., the cachet portrays a Charro and China Poblana as well as the fiesta dates.

Mrs. McGonigle has designed the cachets since the birth of the Charro festival. There were about 13,000 letters cacheted a year ago.

COAL SHORTAGE DUE

CINCINNATI.—(P)—Threat of an "acute coal shortage" hung over portions of the Ohio valley Friday night as the mercury bobbed again to sub-zero depths and the Ohio River "ice barrier" grew to new proportions.

McAllen Minister Leaves For New Carolina Pulpit

MCALLEN—Dr. J. W. Hassell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in McAllen for the past five and one-half years, will leave Sunday for Spindale, N. C., to become pastor there.

Rev. Hassell, a former missionary to Japan, has been a prominent member of the McAllen Ministerial Association. He has been a leader in the movement for returning Bible study to the public schools of Texas.

The local ministers' association sent Rev. Hassell a letter praising him for his work, excerpts from which follow:

Motorcades Set

McAllen Tourists To See Charro Days

MCALLEN — Two motorcades to Cameron County are planned for the coming week-end by the tourist department of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

The first will be a caravan to the Charro Days celebration at Brownsville Friday. The tourists will leave the chamber of commerce building at 8:30 a. m.

Second motorcade will be a fishing trip to Port Isabel Saturday. The group will leave at 8 a. m. Tourists are asked to bring their lunch with them for a day's stay on the coast.

Sixteen Are Fined In Justice Court

PHARR.—Sixteen persons were tried before Justice R. L. Savage during the past week.

Fines were as follows: W. W. Harvey, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Floyd Umstead, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Louis Chenault, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Walter Phillips, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Clifford Hunt, no rear lights, \$1 and costs; Jesse F. Freeman, speeding, \$1 and costs; Pedro Ramirez, disturbing the peace, \$10 and costs; Nicholas Gutierrez, disturbing the peace, \$10 and costs; Hal Woolridge, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Ynocencio Guerra, road law violation, \$1 and costs; Joe Herrera, speeding, \$1 and costs; Leos Cantu, no chauffeur's license, \$1 and costs; Graham Crandall, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Ray A. Yeagan, drunk in private place, \$1 and costs; W. G. Spiker, drunk in private place, \$1 and costs.

Mother Of McAllen Man Seriously Ill

MCALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McColl have been confined to their home for several days because of influenza.

Mr. McColl's mother, Mrs. Joseph McColl, 92, is at the point of death at her home, Oskaloosa, Iowa, her son learned Saturday. Due to his health at this time, it is not certain whether he will be able to make the trip to Oskaloosa.

CIVIC DRIVE TO CONTINUE, McAllen Will Publish Names In C-C

MCALLEN — Due to a decision to publish display newspaper advertisements giving a classified list of all members of the McAllen chamber of commerce, the enlistment campaign will be continued until next Friday, Aubrey Thomas, membership chairman, said Saturday.

The directors voted to give wide publicity to home people, tourists and all newcomers to McAllen as to who is working for McAllen and the Valley through the McAllen chamber.

Not only will all members be classified according to doctors, lawyers, druggists, meat markets, fruit packers and others in newspaper advertisements, but visitors and tourists will be provided with individual copies and framed copies will hang in the chamber of commerce lobby.

Students Are Ill

RANGERSVILLE — Miss Betty Jayne Foust, sophomore at Brownsville junior college, and William Foust, junior in the San Benito school, this week were confined to their home with heavy colds.

Your efforts to have the Bible again placed in our public schools have been commendable and successful. "We appreciate your faithfulness and efficiency as the presiding officer of this association and it is with exceeding regret that we hear of your plans for an early departure from our midst."

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The model illustrated is the Buick Super, a model \$1 four-door touring sedan \$1100 delivered at Flint, Mich. White sidewall tires additional.



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You can put yourself behind a husky Dynaflex straight-eight that's a veritable tornado when it comes to going places—but actually silkier than watchworks in its smooth-and-easy freedom from vibration.

You can switch to gentle coil springs and never need another "lube job." You can discard the

old-type gear lever for Handshift transmission that works with a finger-flick.

You can help yourself to room—the spacious expanse of the Buick Super's next-things-to-five-feet front seats. You can ride in Foamtex cushion comfort, with Safety Plate Glass all around you and everything from a built-in automatic choke to Buick's exclusive Fore-N-Aft Direction Signal to make driving easy and convenient.

TAMPER-PROOF GAS TANKS—your ignition key locks the gas tank door in the fender, prevents gasoline loss through pilferage. Standard equipment at no extra cost.

So why wait to get your Buick? Prices are low now—lower than on some sixes—and delivery is prompt. Your dealer has a full line to show, too, and your old car's worth more now than it will be later.

How about some action? Time's a-wasting, there's fun to be had—and there's a Buick waiting to hang your license plates on!



"Best buy's Buick!"

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Church Funds Drive Prospects Brighten

Church had proved satisfactory, and Rev. W. H. Moore said prospects for "going over the top are heartening." Contributions Wednesday

Drive will be continued through Monday night, when a victory dinner will be held at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Drive is designed to reduce the indebtedness of \$17,500 to \$12,500.

"NEXT TO PALACE THEATRE"

COUNTY SEEKS STATE AID ON HIDALGO ROAD

Project Stalled, Aldrich Reports

EDINBURG—The proposal to secure state designation and thereby state maintenance of the nine-mile county highway from McAllen to Hidalgo is stalled, County Judge Oliver C. Aldrich said Saturday.

The plan has been presented to the state highway commission on several occasions, he said, but at no time has the board given any indication it will consider such a move. The state has already designated Highway 66 south from Edinburg to Pharr, and south of the latter city to Hidalgo, as a state route. A number of McAllen leaders have proposed the McAllen-Hidalgo road's designation as a means of providing modern traffic facilities for Mexico-bound travelers.

Necessity of building two new bridges across the Rio Grande floodways south of McAllen is one factor holding up or preventing state designation, the county judge said he believes. The county at present is spending money regularly for maintenance of the present structures and repairs on the road, he explained.

"I have heard some talk of a toll-free bridge between Hidalgo and Reynosa," said the judge, "and I believe it is a good plan. What effect that would have on the state's designation of the McAllen-Hidalgo road, however, is unknown to me."

The nine-mile route from McAllen, one of South Texas' biggest winter tourist centers, to Hidalgo is known as the "Nickel-Plated Highway to Hell," an appellation applied by Owen P. White, writer for Collier's magazine a number of years ago, in an article dealing with early-day political corruption in the county when a large number of paved roads were constructed.

Another major road need in the county, the judge observed, is a paved route leading from Hargill to the county seat. The Hargill district has no modern traffic outlet toward the center of the county, he said, and as a result Hidalgo communities are losing much of the trade which has gone to Willacy county from the Hargill region.

Children's Author Drowns in Bathtub

NEW YORK—(P)—Jeanette Ramsay, author of children's books, was found drowned Saturday in her bathtub overflowing with scalding water. Police said she apparently had fainted.

OBITUARY

F. H. DAVIS
BROWNSVILLE—The body of Frederick Henry Davis, 73, who died at 1:10 p. m. Saturday at Mercy Hospital, will be forwarded to Nebraska Sunday or Monday, by Hinkley Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis, a farmer, resided about five miles east of Brownsville on the Port road.

Among survivors is the wife Mrs. Ida M. Davis.

MRS. G. W. PERRY
BROWNSVILLE—Funeral services were held Saturday at 4:30 p. m. for Mrs. George W. Perry, 36, tourist from Milwaukee, Wis., who died Wednesday afternoon at a tourist court here.

Services were at the Darling Funeral Home chapel with Rev. R. O. Mackintosh officiating. Interment was in Buena Vista cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and three children.

MRS. M. J. F. CASAS
BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Maria del Jesus F. Casas, 61, who died Friday at her San Benito residence, will be held at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Darling Funeral Home chapel here.

Interment will be in the city cemetery under the direction of Garza Funeral Home.

Mrs. Casas was a member of the Gardenia Grove, Harlingen, the Woodmen's Circle, for many years. Survivors are a son, Juan Casas, and a sister, Mrs. Paulita Flores, both of San Benito.

ERNST IMPROVING

BROWNSVILLE—Robert B. Ernst, manager of the J. C. Penney store here, Saturday was reported improving at Mercy Hospital, after an operation.

As Harlingen Cardinal Band Led Opening Parade



The 70-piece Harlingen Cardinal high school band led the Parade of States (above) which opened the annual Valley Mid-Winter Fair at Harlingen. The Wednesday performance was the second public appearance of the band since new white and cardinal uniforms arrived here recently. The band will be seen shortly in concert at municipal auditorium, and this spring will participate in South Texas music meets. (Staff Photo.)

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KANSAS DAY TO DRAW 800

Mercedes Host Today To Visitors

MERCEDES—Mayor D. L. Heidrick of Mercedes, will welcome approximately eight hundred Kansans who are expected to attend the Kansas Day Picnic and program Sunday, Jan. 28, to be held here in the school auditorium.

A program consisting of educational entertainment selections will be the main features of the get-together. The program will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the auditorium. Invocation will be given by the Rev. M. M. Grove, pastor of the Mercedes First Christian church. The North Grammar School Rhythm Band, which delighted Kansans with their renditions a year ago, will again appear on the program.

Program Listed
"Pioneer Days in Kansas," by Sara C. Alford, a pioneer Kansan citizen now living in Harlingen, will be the feature of the program. Paul Hornbeck, Mercedes artist, will render several vocal selections, while J. C. Popisil of Mission, will play an accordion. Mrs. Eldon B. Smith as chairman of the program committee. An open forum will be conducted by Charles M. Coleman, permanent secretary of the Kansas Association.

Registration will start at 10 a. m. in charge of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Kasey. At noon there will be a basket lunch at the high school cafeteria. The visitors will bring their own lunch baskets, but coffee will be served by the school cafeteria.

All Kansans Invited
All Kansans and ex-Kansans have been invited through the press and radio to attend this meeting. Cooperating with the Kansas Day officials are the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce, and Supt. E. H. Potest, the school board, as well as the local mayor and city officials.

Contest Delayed

Model Plane Trials Scheduled Sunday

HARLINGEN—Garver Murray, director of the model airplane display, said Saturday night, that due to high winds Saturday morning the model airplane contests had been postponed until Sunday afternoon at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair grounds.

Murray announced winners in the model displays as follows:

Neatest gas model—Bill M. Kious, McAllen.
Pricing scale model—Bill Kious, first; Scotty Bowlin, Harlingen, second and Billy Bryant, San Benito, third.
Solid scale model—Bill Kious, first and Charles Lemmon, San Benito, second. Original design—John Matby, Harlingen, first.

The Sunday contests will be held around 5 p. m. following the model races in front of the grandstand.

Fair Stock Awards

HARLINGEN—Winners in the Cattle Show—Dairy Division, Jersey Class 1 Aged Bull—First prize Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second prize—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third prize—D. D. Woods, Lyford; Class 2 Bulls 1 to 2 years—First—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Second—J. B. Christner, Westlake; Third—Jacob Masters, Sebastian; Class 3 Males under 1 year—First—Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Male—Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Class 4 Females 1 to 2 years—First—J. B. Christner, Westlake; Second—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Class 5 Females 1 to 2 years—First—J. B. Christner, Westlake; Second—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Female—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna.

Grand Champion, Paul Davies, Class 5 Aged Cow—First, Paul Davies, Class 6 Female 1 to 2 years—First, Paul Davies, Harlingen; Class 7 Females under 1 year—First, Paul Davies, Harlingen; Class 8 Grand Champion Female, Paul Davies, Harlingen; Dairy Division, Jersey Class 1 Aged Bull—First prize Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second prize—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third prize—D. D. Woods, Lyford; Class 2 Bulls 1 to 2 years—First—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Second—J. B. Christner, Westlake; Third—Jacob Masters, Sebastian; Class 3 Males under 1 year—First—Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Male—Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Class 4 Females 1 to 2 years—First—J. B. Christner, Westlake; Second—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Class 5 Females 1 to 2 years—First—J. B. Christner, Westlake; Second—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Female—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna.

FLEAS DANCE AT 2:30 P. M.

Insect Hop Slated In Hotel Lobby

BROWNSVILLE—There's going to be lots of hopping about here Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in the Hotel El Jardin patio when the annual Dance of the Fleas takes place.

First of the pre-fiesta affairs, heralding Charro Days, Thursday through next Sunday, the dance is to provide photographers an opportunity to take pictures of folks in costume.

There is to be no admission fee to the dance, but dancers strictly must wear Charro costume. Kenneth Faxon, president of Charro Days, Inc., said Saturday.

Motion pictures of the event also are expected to be taken. Winter visitors, who do not possess Charro costumes, will be extended the courtesy of admittance, and photographing the dancers, however.

42 Hobbyists

Many Attend Meeting Held In McAllen

McAllen—C. E. Kerns of Troy, Ohio, showed scrap books of his travels, colored pictures and descriptive newspaper articles to 42 members of the Hobby Club here the past week. He was introduced by president, Mrs. Mary Cordell.

Mrs. Estelle Basler of Washington entertained with a group of readings. The club sang a farewell song for the Baslers, who left the past week. Mrs. Kerns presented the club with a copy of the January, 1939, National Geographic Magazine containing the article, "Texas Delta of an American Nile." N. J. Wenande of Alexandria, S. D., told of the outstanding places to visit in his state and Mrs. W. T. Terry pictured her home state, Oregon, as a summer tourist center.

Hungary Nazi Head

Is Wounded In Duel

BUDAPEST—(P)—Dr. Janos Salo, Fuehrer of the national front, one of Hungary's many Nazi parties, was wounded Saturday in a saber duel he fought with Imre Cser, former head of the party, to settle a dispute as to which was responsible for its decline.

Nazi Expert Talks

Coal Trade To Italy

ROME—(P)—German sources indicated Saturday Dr. Karl Clodius, German financial expert, was discussing with Italians the possibility of increasing German coal shipments to Italy.

Gray foxes, formerly observed rarely except at night, now are seen frequently crossing Texas roads, game department biologists report.

PUPILS NAMED AT RIO HONDO

Semester Honor Roll Given By School

RIO HONDO—The Honor Roll for Rio Hondo schools for the third six weeks and first term of school has been announced. In high school, third six weeks, seniors were Katherine Bingham, Dewey Berglund, Lester Black, Norman Whisenant, Clement Cholick, Paul Myer, Wylene McMurtry, Bety Petras, and Clarence Bishop; term, Katherine Bingham, Dewey Berglund, Marybelle Sizer, Norman Whisenant, Clement Cholick, Paul Myer, Wylene McMurtry, Bety Petras, Clarence Bishop, and Thelma Bandy.

Juniors: third six weeks, Earl Herrington, Joyce Jones, Dorothy Hatch, Joyce Wilds, Dean Rogers, Mary Mize, Alfonso Roiz, Kathleen Cohen, Peggy Jean Autry, and Paul Christie; term honor roll, Earl Herrington, Dorothy Hatch, Joyce Wilds, Dean Rogers, James Mace, Kathleen Cohen, Peggy Jean Autry, and Paul Christie.

Sophomores: third six weeks, Robert LeRoy, Janet Christley, Evelyn Jones, Melvin Turner, Dorothy Bertram, Antonio Plata, Helen Wooten; term honor roll, Antonio Plata, Evelyn Jones, Maria Garza, Janet Christley, Dorothy Bertram, Frances Bates, William Manis, Melvin Turner, and Robert LeRoy.

Freshmen: third six weeks, Mary Carden, Helen Hatch, Laverne Jones, Wanda Porter, Buffy Field, Tomacita Manias, Gloria Grantham, Calvin Bishop, Jimmie Myer, J. W. Birdwell, Reed Lang, Rafael Roiz, Deane Brozman; term honor roll, Mary Carden, Helen Hatch, Laverne Jones, Buffy Field, Tomacita Manias, Gloria Grantham, Calvin Bishop, Jimmie Myer, J. W. Birdwell, Reed Lang, Rafael Roiz, Deane Brozman.

Seventh Grade: third six weeks, Dwain Estes, Henry Harrison, Junior Herrington, Floyd Kirkendall, Robert Scoggins, Charles Stewart, Reginald Wich, Anna Marie Cholick, Maxine Fowler, Dorothy Ann Kuhn, Violet Norman, Dorothy Scoggins, Charles Stewart, Reginald Wich, Anna Marie Cholick, Maxine Fowler, Dorothy Ann Kuhn, Violet Norman, Dorothy Scoggins.

Sixth Grade, Section 1: third six weeks, Lyle J. Brozman, Jack Berglund, Evelyn Huie, Mary Ann Hatch, Virginia Hall, Dora Belle Ellis, Helen Dikes, Dorothy Cohen, Janie Lee Caffall, Betty Lou Barker, term honor roll, Lyle J. Brozman, Jack Berglund, Evelyn Huie, Mary Ann Hatch, Virginia Hall, Dora Belle Ellis, Helen Dikes, Dorothy Cohen, Janie Lee Caffall, Betty Lou Barker, Evelyn Bertram.

Sixth Grade, Section II: third six weeks, Margaret Mace, Evelyn Leticia Pena, Ruth Pickett; term honor roll, Margaret Mace, Evelyn Leticia Pena, Ruth Pickett.

Fifth Grade: third six weeks, Billie Mae Toland, Darrel Kirkendall, Cleo Lumkins, Shirley Hatch; term honor roll, Marybelle Fowler, Marvin Howland, Eddie Jo Kuhn, Fourth Grade: third six weeks, Tommy Holton, Jimmy McCarthy, Roy Lee Parker, Paul King, Arthur Jones, Nolan Estes, Doris Jones, Geraldine Carpenter, Martin, Betty Sue Pickett, Doris Ruth Freshour, Helen Ann Mansker, Aline Jones.

Third Grade: Section I: third six weeks, Carl Benson, Buster Henderson, Malcolm Phillips, Frank Elmer Sizer, George Waters, Leona Gregerson, Roberta Jones, Glenda May Newell.

Third Grade, Section II: third six weeks, George Brown, Tommy Longbrake, Wade McWhorter, Bobby Smith, Margaret Hall, Margaret Jones, Betty Joyce Kadick, Therese Kuhn, Helen Whaley, Mildred Wick, George Lee Robinson, Doris Raskin, Wanda Beady, Emma Lee Caffall.

Second Grade: third six weeks, Ruby Pratt, Velma Cobb, Winnifred Thomas, Mary Jane Pickett, Peggie Sue Carpenter, Betty Mallernee, Joan Guelser, Mary Helen Spar, Clara May Clark, Zula Herrington, Doris Ann Halter, Donna Lee Watts, Bobby Holton, Robert Mansker, Rudolph Wick, Steven Gavenda, David Gavenda, Floyd Buford.

First Grade: third six weeks, Daniel Fowler, Narten Howland, Phillips Jacob, Eugene Stacy, Jerome Wick, Miles Waters, Janis Yeoman, Scharlaine Ravka, Joyce Jones, Colleen Harrington, Cecelia Gregerson, Annrita Fowler, Gerald Leggett.

On Honor Roll

MERCEDES—Three Mercedes students appeared on the honor roll for the first semester of the Edinburg College. They were Ralph Fitzgerald, sports editor, Mercedes News-Tribune, Charles Settles and Lydia Trevino. There was a total of 44 on the honor roll.

ALFRED ROSWELL DIES

HEARNE, Tex.—(P)—Alfred Roswell, 22, was killed Friday night in a truck-car crash on a railroad overpass.

McAllen Plans Ten Tourist Features

McAllen—Ten events are scheduled on McAllen's tourist calendar this week, with main emphasis on Charro Days at Brownsville.

The week opens with the bull fight at Reynosa, Mexico, at 4 p. m. Sunday, while Monday at 1 p. m. visiting doctors and their wives have been invited to a lunch at the Casa de Palmas Hotel here. From 2 to 6 p. m. the Grace Richey Clark Studio of Hand Weaving will hold open house for the winter visitors.

Other events follow: Tuesday, 10 a. m., chamber of commerce club room, Chinese checkers, dominoes, "500," pinochle and rummy; 2 p. m., contract and auction bridge; 4 p. m., conducted tour to Reynosa for a wild game dinner.

Wednesday, games in the club room and park morning and afternoon; 12 noon, chicken dinner served in the dining room of the Methodist Church.

Thursday, 10 a. m., contract bridge players will meet in the club room; 2 p. m., Chinese checkers, "500" and other card games; out door games in the park; 7:30 p. m., Dr. William O. Alexander of Evanston, Ill., will show pictures of Franciscan Missions, the Valley and a trip to Mier, Mexico, and through Iowa. The evening program will close with a sing-song and old fashioned dancing.

Friday, 8:30 a. m., motorcade will

Earth Tremor Felt In North Palestine

JERUSALEM—(P)—A slight earth tremor was felt early Saturday throughout northern Palestine, principally in the vicinity of Haifa. No damage or casualties were reported.

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OLD CHURCH MOVED, NEW ONE IS DUE



This photo of the old frame building housing the First Presbyterian Church of Harlingen for more than 15 years was made just before it was moved from East Jackson to furnish a site for the modern, new building that will be started soon. During the construction of the new church, Presbyterians will hold services in the junior high school on E. Tyler.

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American Dollar Is Biggest Winner Of World War II To Date

NEW YORK IS WORLD CENTER FOR FINANCE

But It Complicates U. S. Situation

By ROGER BABSON
WASHINGTON, D. C.—First big undisputed victory of the war to date has been won by the American dollar. Our dollar has become the acknowledged top currency of the world. New York, not London, Paris, nor Amsterdam, is the financial center of the world of 1940. This does not mean that our monetary problems are all settled. In fact, as long as the "Fever of the Currencies" continues to rage, being "king" of the currencies is a debit—not an asset!

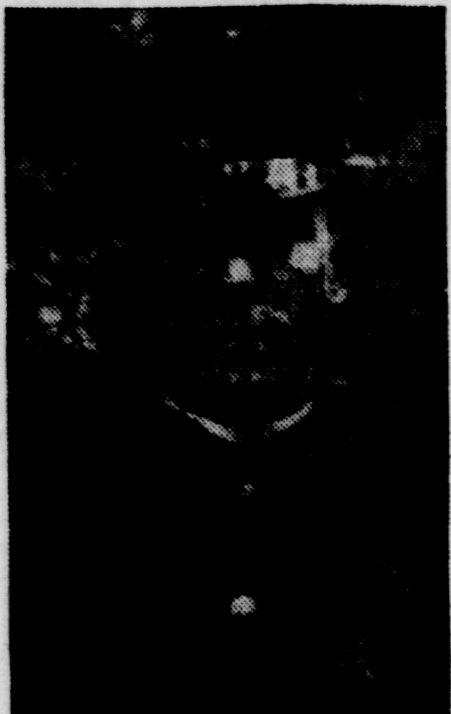
Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, head of the world's biggest bank (Chase National in New York City) has just trained the microscope of the nation's money doctors on our currency problem. He proposes that we open up the gold market which we closed in 1933. It is not a new cure—it has been brought up again and again. The suggestion, when probed and dissected in the past, has been found wanting. The currency situation, however, has been growing steadily more acute. Consequently, Mr. Aldrich's proposal is now rightfully receiving wide discussion.

What the Problem Is
The problem is this: We have 70 per cent of the world's gold. That is too much. Other nations have little gold to pay us for the goods they want to buy from us. This makes our dollar so mighty that more "timid" gold is sent to us, thus weakening other currencies still further. This automatically boosts our prices in world markets in terms of foreign currencies and hence cuts down our exports, increases our unemployment. Under normal conditions, the situation would correct itself, but the dollar occupies its exalted position not because of U. S. economic strength but because of world economic weakness. While there is complete disagreement as to how to solve this riddle, there is unanimous agreement on the existence of this gold danger.

Readers will remember that we cut the gold content of the dollar by 40 per cent in 1933. We thereby hiked the price of gold from \$20 to \$35 per ounce. We forbade any citizen to own or transfer gold. We bought gold from all comers. This started the most gigantic mass movement of the precious metal in the world's history. Since 1934 \$10,500,000,000 worth of bullion has been sucked into the U. S. Like fabled King Midas, we were happy to have it come, but, like King Midas, we now want to get rid of it! Every day more millions stream here from other nations anxious to get dollars to spend on war supplies, from busy miners, from individuals who want American dollars rather than hoarded gold. And this has been going on for years.

A Pan-American Dollar?
When the war came last September, America was holding \$17,000,000,000 of the world's \$28,000,000,000 gold supply. The British decided the odds were too big, abandoned the pound sterling, sounded its death knell as the world's greatest currency. Immediately the countries which had formerly based their currencies on the pound shifted to the dollar. Sweden's krona, Canada's dollar, and Argentina's peso have all tied up with the dollar. So has the Japanese yen. Moreover, a new Pan-American dollar

BEFORE — Joins, Travels, Fights, Retires a Hero—AFTER



Army Vet Gets Medal For Saving Life

Thirty-one years ago staff Sergeant Harold C. Marshall (left) looked like this when he first saw service with the coast artillery at Fort Flagler, Wash. Since then he has viewed a lot of the world, served in the World War, and was awarded a U. S. congressional medal for saving life instead of taking it. Staff Sergeant Harold C. Marshall of the Quartermaster Corps, Fort Brown (right) who is to be retired January 31 with the rank of captain, after 31 years in the army, is shown above in a happy mood. And who wouldn't be? The dog on his lap is the family pet, "Poochie." The veteran soldier is to visit Sacramento, Cal., this summer, but will make his home in Brownsville.



Doctors To Hold Luncheon Monday

McALLEN — Doctors and their wives who are visiting in McAllen for the winter will be entertained at noon Monday when a Dutch treat luncheon is held at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

Dr. G. Van Amber Brown, president of the Hidalgo County Medical Association, and Mrs. Brown, will meet with the physicians and assist in the entertainment.

VALLEY FRUIT IS UP 31 CENTS

Grapefruit Auction Sales Reported

WESLACO — Valley grapefruit realized an average of 31 cents a box more the past week than during the preceding week, according to a summary of grapefruit auction sales in ten markets reported by the Texas-Federal Market News Service here.

Although the general rise in Valley grapefruit prices on the auctions did not begin until Tuesday and Wednesday, the average for the entire week was 31 cents a box higher than the preceding week.

Average Is \$2.14
The Valley average on all sales for the week ending Friday was \$2.14 per box as compared to an average of \$1.84 for the previous week. Shippers cashed in on fruit bought on a low market from the producers.

The Valley average also was 24 cents a box better than the Florida average which was \$1.90 per box as compared to the Valley's \$2.14. The Florida price was 17 cents improved over the previous week's average which was only \$1.77.

The best average for Valley fruit was \$2.30 in New York City for 7,530 boxes including pinks. Average for other points were as follows: St. Louis 3,370 boxes, \$1.67; Chicago 11,151 boxes, \$2.08; Detroit 2,819 boxes, \$2.24; Cleveland 5,633 boxes, \$2.25; Cincinnati 5,343 boxes, \$2.11; Pittsburgh 2,230 boxes, \$2.15; Baltimore, no auction sales of Texas fruit; Philadelphia 2,158 boxes, \$2.14; Boston, no auction sales of Texas fruit.

Friday auction sales unreported Friday included 1,633 boxes of Texas Marsh at Cleveland for an average of \$2.40 with 452 boxes of pinks averaging \$2.91. At New York 1,190 boxes of Texas pinks averaged \$2.44, 2,095 boxes of Florida Marsh averaged \$2.60 in standard boxes and 610 wirebound boxes of Marsh averaged \$1.47.

Loadings Up Again
Valley loadings increased again to 78 cars Friday while Florida loadings dropped from 81 on Thursday to 28 on Friday.

Track holdings in 16 important receiving markets were the lowest in many weeks, being down to 118 cars Saturday. The week's high was 194 Monday as a result of the usual week-end accumulation and of the fact that several auctions were closed last week because of the cold.

Canners Open Full Fruit Process Runs

McALLEN — Local and Valley canning plants this week were maintaining full-time operating schedules in an effort to process as much as possible of the season's pack before warm weather shows definitely the amount of freeze damage to citrus.

Four plants here and one at Harlingen, among others scattered over the Valley, began the 24-hour runs Saturday or Monday. A few plants had closed to await outcome of freeze damage estimates.

Canners estimate of damage ranged from 20 per cent decrease in Valley output to a complete end to the canning season with the advent of warm weather.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burger of Muncie, Ind., on the arrival of a son, weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces, and born Saturday in Muncie. Mr. Burger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burger of Harlingen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles McBride, Harlingen, on the birth of a son, weighing seven pounds two ounces. Friday at 10 a. m. at Medical Arts Clinic.

To Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Maston, Harlingen, on the birth of a seven-pound daughter Friday at 5 a. m. at Medical Arts Clinic.

Students Provide School Dark Room

McALLEN — Members of the Photography Club of McAllen high school will soon have a dark room in which to develop their pictures under the supervision of Erwin Jacks, general science instructor. Jacks said the room is being constructed at a cost of about \$7. General science and chemistry students will use the dark room.

ARCHITECT DIES
OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—J. O. Parr, former Texan and prominent as an Oklahoma City architect, died Friday.

RURAL SCHOOL IMPORT GROWS

A. N. Martin Active In Organization

MISSION — Educators this week said the plan to organize rural school heads was gaining momentum over the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas.

A. B. Martin, superintendent of the Tabasco Consolidated School west of Mission, was one of those active in organizing educators into the Rural School Administrators section of the Texas State Teachers Association, effected at the November convention of the association in San Antonio. The move marked the first attempt to bring rural administrators of the state together as a unit.

In accordance with the proposal of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel to sponsor re-organization of the state education system on recommendation of a committee of 175 educators, the rural administrators division recently asked O'Daniel to include representatives of this unit in the major committee so that their needs would be met through the new program.

As one of three members on a special committee appointed to contact O'Daniel, Martin was present at the presentation of the unit's brief to the governor. Martin returned here early last week from Austin with a report of the committee action. He is chairman of the southern district of the new organization, already one of the strongest in the state teachers association.

Navy Mothers Will Meet At Mercedes

MERCEDES—The Navy Mothers Club will meet Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Mercedes City Hall.

Speaker for the afternoon's program will be ex-Navy Reserve Officer W. C. Carlisle of Mission. Subject of his address will be "How Our Navy Feeds Its Men."

Fingerprinting Is Halted By Weather

SIoux FALLS—(AP)—Sioux Falls Police couldn't function at 10 below zero Thursday. A headquarters report on a burglary investigation read: "Place too cold to obtain fingerprints. This will be done at a later date."

O'DANIEL SPEECH ON VALLEY SENT TO DISTANT LAND

McALLEN — Copies of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's speech during a recent radio broadcast praising the Lower Rio Grande Valley are being mailed to many distant points of the globe.

P. H. Graning of McAllen has mailed copies to London, Brisbane, Australia, British Honduras, Ontario, British Columbia, Mexico and 40 states of the United States.

The copies were sent to persons with whom Graning corresponds.

Port Isabel Scout Exhibit Is Winner At Mid-Winter Fair

PORT ISABEL — The hard work on the part of Skipper Leo Baumbach and his Sea Scouts of the SSS Spitfire of Port Isabel was rewarded and they carried home the first prize from the Valley Mid-Winter Fair. Their exhibit was two large knot-boards on which were nailed every imaginable kind of knot. All told there were 128 knots on these boards with the exception of the many hundred in the belts and purse. It took 250 feet of line to make these knots. Many hours were spent by the Skipper and his boys in preparing this exhibit.

At the back of one board and at the base of the second reposed a twenty-four inch model of the "Constitution" made by Mr. Baumbach with a pocket knife, some sewing thread, and a pair of tweezers. Along with this were three lights taken from their boat; two running lights and a mast-head light.

FETE SET FOR LEGION CHIEF

Texas Commander Is Due Here Sunday

BROWNSVILLE—L. J. Roberts, department of Texas commander of the American Legion, will be guest of the Brownsville post at a breakfast at 8 a. m. Monday at the White Kitchen.

Word that the Texas commander will be in the Valley Monday was received by the local post Saturday, C. H. Holcomb, commander, said.

The Monday breakfast will be for Legionnaires, Veterans of Foreign Wars, their auxiliaries, and all ex-service men and wives, he announced.

Mr. Roberts will visit Legion posts in other Valley cities during the day, and at 6 p. m. Monday will meet with the commanders of the Valley posts, at Mercedes.

Townsend Meet Set Monday At Weslaco

WESLACO—A prosperity meeting will be held at the Leiske Temple in Mercedes Monday night with Judge W. W. Stevens of Iowa and Rev. Nicholson as speakers.

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NEW LIONS JACKETS



Pictured above is Orvis Seal, wearing one of the special jackets which Lions Club members wore Wednesday when they staged their annual Tag Day drive to secure added funds with which to conduct their Sight Conservation project. The clubmen raised more than \$200 for this purpose during their one-day campaign. (Staff Photo.)

Townsendites See Film On Narcotics

BROWNSVILLE — Narcotics and its effects will be shown in a motion picture Monday at 7:30 p. m. before the El Jardin Townsend Club No. 1 at El Jardin school near here.

There will be a business meeting of the Townsendites prior to the showing of the film.

The El Jardin Townsend Club No. 1 will hold a picnic at Ebony Grove community house, Sunday noon, February 4, S. W. Brightbill, publicity chairman, announced.

Iturbi Recital Set Monday At Edinburg

EDINBURG — Jose Iturbi, well-known pianist to Valley music lovers, will be presented in concert at Edinburg Junior College auditorium Monday at 8 p. m. under auspices of Cultural Arts, Inc.

BALL PLAYERS ON UNEMPLOYED ROLLS



by E.C. 'Doc' Osborn.

Even Major Leaguer Is Getting Pay Missouri Commish Gives Okeh

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — (P) — Several big time baseball players—their identities shrouded in red tape—are cashing in on Missouri unemployment insurance, but their bosses and the men who wrote the law don't like the idea.

Players of the St. Louis Browns of the American League and the Kansas City Blues, resting through the Hot Stove season, have been officially declared out of work and are drawing weekly checks up to the \$15 maximum. The Kansas City team is an American Association affiliate of the New York Yankees.

An interpretation of the state law by E. C. Crow, member of the unemployment compensation commission which controls job insurance, made them eligible even though most of them are paid on a yearly contract basis. They draw their salary only during the regular season and the law provides "an individual shall be deemed totally unemployed in any week during which he performs no services and with respect to which no wages are payable to him."

Against Claims

The disclosure brought an immediate reaction from club managers, members of the commission and of the state legislature.

State Senators Allen McKeynolds and George A. Roemer, co-authors of the job insurance law, declared: "We do not hesitate to say that under this law it was never contemplated that men who were drawing handsome salaries on a yearly basis could receive any benefits."

"I think it is a downright shame that fellows who average \$2,000 a year should get additional compensation in such a method," said Roemer, secretary of the Blues. "Not only is it shameful, I think it is illegal."

"I tried my best to stop them," echoed the Browns' general manager, William O. Dewitt. "One of them is receiving a salary from us of between \$8,000 and \$9,000."

Commission Chairman Andrew J. Murphy, Sr., summed up the situation.

"It doesn't seem right to me . . . but under the law there's nothing we can do but give it to them if they qualify."

Murphy said regulations made it impossible for him to disclose the names of recipients.

Players Named

However, the Blues' management said these six players had applied for the cash:

Al Piechota, a pitcher sold to the Boston Red Sox; Clyde McCullough, a catcher now with the Chicago Cubs; William Matheson, an outfielder recalled by the New York Yankees; and pitchers John Lindell and Fred Gay, and outfielder Buzz Boyle, still with the Kansas City club.

In St. Louis, the Post-Dispatch said Ed Cole and Johnny Berardino of the Browns were collecting the compensation insurance.

Cole, a pitcher, resides at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Berardino, an outfielder, at Los Angeles.

The William Matheson, an outfielder, also said it had learned Joe Glenn, Browns' catcher, had applied in New York for unemployment benefits.

Ed Staples, secretary of the St. Louis Cardinals, said none of the team's players, as far as he knew, had applied for the Missouri benefits.

"When I applied," he said, "I thought it might help me get through college. But I came back here too late to enroll. When I learned that the public might resent such things, I told them to stop my payments."

Berardino ranks as a junior at the University of Southern California.

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Keep faith with your comrade.
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Keep yourself fit.
Keep a stout heart in defeat.
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Keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body.

A Derby Story

Isaac Murphy, the great negro jockey of the 1880's and 1890's, was forced to ride Buchanan, victor in the Kentucky Derby of 1884. It was that triumph which makes it possible to couple Murphy's name with that of Earl Sande as rider of the most Derby winners—three.

Murphy had piloted Buchanan at Nashville prior to the running of the Derby, and, after that experience, vowed he would never accept the mount again. The chestnut colt was one of the worst post actors of all time, and even during the running of a race there was no anticipating what he would do.

Murphy, at Nashville, had to stand for Buchanan's rodeo tactics at the barrier, and then, when the race was on, Buchanan decided to go on bolting excursions, which earned him zig-zagging along the track.

"That's the last time I ride him," Murphy told Cottrell & Guest, owners of Buchanan.

"You're going to ride him in the Kentucky Derby," he was informed. "I won't ride him," insisted Murphy.

When argument could not get Murphy to change attitude, a complaint was filed with the Louisville Jockey Club, which then operated Churchill Downs. Murphy immediately was informed that if he didn't ride Buchanan in the Derby he would not be permitted any other mount in the race.

This was followed by intimidation that if he did not fulfill his contract to ride Buchanan he might draw a long suspension. All this continued to worry Murphy, and a day or so before the race he capitulated.

Buchanan went through his rearing and plunging routine at the post, broke in a tangle, but ran true, and Murphy brought him home a winner by two lengths. That Derby victory, together with those on Riley (1890) and Kingman (1891) gave Murphy his total of three, Sande having Zev (1923), Flying Ebony (1925) and Gallant Fox (1930).

Dallas Acquires Longview Club

LONGVIEW, Tex. — (P) — President George Schepp of the Dallas Rebels announced Saturday that his Texas League club would operate the Longview East Texas League franchise this year as an outright owner.

Schepp's announcement followed a pledge by a Longview group to raise \$2,500 by April 1 to pay off the club's indebtedness.

"This will give us the franchise free of debt," Schepp said, "and will enable us to start from scratch in building a ball club for Longview."

Schepp conferred with Arthur Hale, business manager of the club last year under the sponsorship of the Chicago White Sox.

With the franchise will go four players who were under White Sox contracts last year. They were Bob Mosel, first baseman with Lubbock in the West Texas-New Mexico League, Henry Becker, Longview outfielder, and pitchers Pat Beasley and Harold Mitchell.

Schepp said Tex Jones, former Dallas star who dropped out of baseball five years ago after piloting the Longview club, will return as manager.

East Texas League Clubs Meet Today

JACKSONVILLE, Tex. — (P) — Managers of the East Texas League gather here Sunday for their annual meeting.

Chief items of business to be transacted include election of officers, adoption of the official baseball, drafting of a schedule and decision on the status of the several clubs.

League President C. P. Moseley said Jacksonville's status still was doubtful. Lufkin has been mentioned as likely to get the franchise should Jacksonville go out of the league.

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Big Regatta Carded Next Sunday



The scene above is typical of nearly three hours of identical action next Sunday at the Port of Brownsville turning basin during the International Outboard Regatta, the highlight of the fourth day of the 1940 Chorro Days. Picturing a Class A aquatic speed event on

BROWNSVILLE—The racy speedboats of Gar Wood, Jr., of Algonac, Mich., and Frank Vincent, Tulsa, both of whom set new world records in the Chorro Days regatta in 1939, arrived in Brownsville Saturday, ready for assembly in preparation for the International Regatta next Sunday in the Port of Brownsville turning basin.

If weather permits, the boats are to be taken out to the turning basin Sunday afternoon, assembled, and put through warm-up tests around the port basin. The public is invited to watch the tests, if Sunday afternoon is clear and warm.

Meanwhile, regatta programs are being printed, and last minute preparations concluded for the aquatic events, which will occupy the spotlight on the final day of the 1940 Chorro Days celebration, next Sunday.

Large Entry List

R. W. Pitts, chairman of the regatta committee, clung Saturday to his expectations that nearly 40 boats are to compete in the nine water races Sunday afternoon, and several of the internationally known drivers will remain to take part in the trials Monday morning in the ship channel.

During the Monday morning time trials, several world records will be the targets, and there is strong possibility new speed marks will be set again this year. Last year six world records were shattered during the time trials, three by Gar Wood, Jr., two by Buddy Reuter, San Antonio, and one by Frank Vincent, Tulsa.

The international regatta will get under way at 1 p.m. Sunday, and the regatta committee is preparing to accommodate a capacity crowd at the port turning basin. Last year thousands crowded into every available spot around the harbor's edges to view the thrilling outboard spectacle.

There will be nine heats on the afternoon program, two each in the A, B, and C hydroplane class, two in the Class C runabout, and an F class open free-for-all, in which several C class boats are entered to qualify drivers for entry in the time trials Monday morning.

Frank Vincent, the Tulsa driver who shattered a world speed time last year, was in Brownsville Saturday, registered at the Hotel El Jardin, as was Orin Johnson, mechanic for Gar Wood, Sr., who is in charge of the "Miss America" nine times winner in 20 years of the Harnsworth trophy. Also here is Wood, Boggeman, Fort Worth, with two boats and two motors.

Young Wood's equipment which Johnson will assemble Sunday with favorable weather, consists of four boats and six motors. One of the motors is of the 110-horse power six-cylinder Spanish type. Vincent's outboard equipment, also here, includes two boats and two motors.

Several gallons of high test fuel—gasoline and oil—to be used in the speedboat regatta, already have arrived. One cargo of fuel is consigned to Dan Frazier, Rantoul, Ill., who is one of the entries in the F class 60-horse power race. Frazier is due to arrive Friday. Special high test fuel oils also have reached Brownsville for the use of Vincent and Wood, Jr.

Pitts announced receipt of a letter from Jack Barbee, newly elected official scorer of the Texas Outboard Racing Association, stating that the Texas racing circuit's high point trophy will be placed on display at a prominent public place in Brownsville this week. The trophy is now held by Bob Mitchell, Dallas, but will be presented to the high point Texas outboard driver for the 1940 season.

Full Program

The Sunday afternoon program, opening at 1 p.m. with the A class hydroplane race in which eight boats are entered, continues at 1:40 p.m.

with the B class race, with nine boats registered. At 2:20 p.m. the class C hydroplane race is scheduled to start, with the C class runabout event following at 3 p.m.

Then follows the most thrilling spectacle of the entire regatta, the F class open-to-all trial, in which Don Frazier is the outstanding entrant. This race is designed to qualify its participants for entry in the Monday morning time trials for new world records.

The official entry list was further swelled Saturday with receipt of entry blanks from Tom DeWitt, Van Wirt, Ohio, high ranking amateur in Ohio; and Buddy Reuter, San Antonio, holder of two new world records. DeWitt, who is entered in the Class A race, is due in Brownsville Thursday.

Saturday's complete official entry list includes:

Wood, Jr., Vincent, Boggeman, Frazier, Henry Wilson, Jr., Brownsville, Shorty Green and Ralph W. Campbell, Austin; Adolph Seeh, Henry Taubert, and Clarence Stinson, San Antonio; Sam Gill, Jr., Blanco; Bill Crist, and Herman Mayhew, Dallas; Don L. Allred, Amarillo; Paul B. Sawyer, Jr., Austin and New York; and Bob Milam, Smackover, Ark. Others are expected.

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Three Stars Leading In Crosby Open Many Players Back Just A Stroke

DELMAR, Calif. — (P) — National Amateur champion Marvin (Bud) Ward and two professionals, Harold McSpadden and Ed Oliver, set the pace with sub-par 68's in Saturday's round of the annual \$3,000 Bing Crosby's Open golf tournament at the Rancho Santa Fe Country Club.

Ward, after announcing that this would be his last appearance in open competition, proceeded to knock four strokes off par and put in a strong bid for the championship in the final 18 holes Sunday. The Spokane, Wash., titleholder had little success until Saturday, in the winter tournaments in California.

One stroke back of the three leaders were 10 players as par took a drubbing.

Oddly enough, there is no trophy for a winning amateur in the delmar play, but last Crosby himself, native of Spokane, said one would be obtained if Ward should win. Chief amateur competition was on a best-ball basis, with the amateurs teaming with pros.

Walter Hagan and screen star Richard Arlen, trailed by a large gallery, posted a best ball of 70, as did Ty Cobb, baseball's hero, and Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y. Low best-ball honors went to Willie Goggin, San Francisco pro, and Marshall Duffield of Hollywood. They had 62.

Another amateur, Pat Abbott of Pasadena, former national public links champion, turned in an individual 69 and best-ball score of 64 with Ky Lafoon.

Jimmie Demaret of Houston carded an individual 71 and a best-ball score of 65 with Johnny (Tarn) Weismuller. Weismuller had a little difficulty on the back nine and Demaret carried the load in.

The inhabitants of the Andaman islands in the Bay of Bengal are mostly dwarfs.

Slaughter Tops Race Card; Second Program Set Today

HARLINGEN — Al Slaughter of San Antonio warmed up a couple of midget races on Fair Park Speedway Saturday afternoon, and walked away with three firsts, one second and two thirds out of eight races to lead the field. Bo Scott, Harlingen, came in second with four seconds and one third. Cecil Zent of Fort Wayne, Ind., was a close third with two firsts and one second.

A few spots of mud and soft places in the track made every race a thriller for the crowd and several narrow escapes brought a screaming throng to its feet in the grandstand.

Jack Crawford of San Antonio turned in two seconds and one first for fourth place.

Big thrill of the afternoon came when Dick Ward of San Antonio went into a spin on the north turn and suddenly found himself in the center of a roaring bunch of racing midgets. All managed to get by without a collision however.

Results of Friday's card were:

Event No. One, two laps, helmet dash for two fastest cars in time trials. Cecil Zent, first and Bo Scott, second.

Event No. Two, eight laps—Al Slaughter, first; Cecil Zent, second, and Bo Scott, third.

Event No. Three, eight laps—Al Slaughter, first; Bo Scott, second, and Dick Ward, third.

Event No. Four, eight laps—Cecil Zent, first; Jack Crawford, second, and John Garrett, Harlingen, third.

Event No. Five, ten laps — Al Slaughter, first; Jack Crawford, second, and John Garrett, third.

Event No. Six, ten laps — Mel Wainwright, first; Bo Scott, second, and Al Slaughter, third.

Event No. Seven, ten laps—Jack Crawford, first, and Al Slaughter, second.

Event No. Eight, feature race, 25 lap sweepstake — Mel Wainwright, first; Bo Scott, second, and Al Slaughter, third.

Races will be held Monday and Tuesday afternoons in addition to the Sunday racing card, McNamee said, as the fair has been extended to Monday and Tuesday.

Top Flighters Carded Today At Reynosa Unusual Interest

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Aggies Receive Gridiron Trophy

COLLEGE STATION — (P) — President Herbert Benson of the Sugar Bowl Association Saturday presented to the Texas Aggies the trophy they won by defeating Tulane at New Orleans New Year's Day.

Registrar E. J. Howell, member of the A. and M. athletic council, received the trophy in the absence because of illness of Dean E. J. Kyle, council chairman. The ceremony was held at Guion Hall. Fourteen members of the Sugar Bowl Association came here from New Orleans for the ceremony.

Benson said in his address of presentation that he believed past season football games were of great benefit to New Orleans and the participating schools.

These games bring together and form lasting friendships among people of different sections of the nation," he said.

Cadet Col. Durward Varner expressed appreciation of the student body to the city of New Orleans, the Sugar Bowl Association and to Tulane for the reception given the Aggies.

Each of the New Orleans visitors was taken on a tour of Agiland by a senior student.

The Aggie band participated in the ceremony by playing the "Aggie War Hymn." Students and Aggie fans joined in school yells.

Letters were awarded members of the undefeated, top ranking team of 1939 at a banquet Saturday night.

A game department survey reveals that but 300 hundred mountain sheep remain in Texas,

Outdoor Program Scheduled Today

BROWNSVILLE—Winter tourists in the Rio Grande Valley will be honor guests at an outdoor program to be held at the Brownsville turning basin Sunday and under the direction of Hurt Batsell, local sportsman.

The program will get under way at 2 p.m. and last until 5 p.m. Among the events scheduled are: exhibitions and instructions in bait, fly and surf casting, clay target shooting, bow and arrow shooting and model airplane construction and flying.

As the feature event, a contest between an angler and swimmer will be held, the swimmer to play the part of a big Valley fish.

Everyone is invited to attend this outdoor program.

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Western Open Draws Ryder Cup Team

HOUSTON — (P) — The personnel of the Ryder Cup team—professional golf's All-America—will compete in the Western Open over the River Oaks course here next month.

The announcement, made to the local committee Saturday by L. L. Cooke, president of the Western Golf Association, insured one of the fastest fields in the history of the big tournament.

The Ryder Cup team is comprised of Byron Nelson, National Open titleholder and current Western king; Dick Metz, Horton Smith, John Revolta, Vic Ghezzi, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmy Hines, Harold McSpadden, Henry Picard, Paul Runyan and Sam Snead.

Walter Hagen is non-playing captain, but it was not learned whether the Old Maestro will appear.

Besides the top-ranking pros, colorful Gene Sarazen and others of the old guard will be here, along with a couple of neophytes who used to burn up the tennis courts—Ellsworth Vines and Wilmer Allison.

Besides Vines and Allison, the amateur group will include Wilford Wehrle; Texas' host of stars, and possibly Marvin (Bud) Ward, the National champion.

Plans went forward Saturday for a dinner in honor of Jimmy Demaret, young Houston professional who has won two of the winter tour's tournaments, on February 14, two evenings before the three-day tourney opens. The town is excited over Demaret's doings and wants to give him full honors.

Sports Roundup

By EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK — (P) — They're off, boys! Auburn starts spring football practice Monday . . . The Dempsey-Willard fight starts back in circulation now that Jack and Doc Kearns have been cut in for 40 per cent . . . Joe Louis, who guest stars on the Fred Allen program next week, will draw down a cool \$1,200 for five minutes' work.

He gave up.

Al Corotto, Oklahoma's fine blocking back of a few years ago, tells why he resigned as coach of the Pauls Valley Training School eleven . . . "I just couldn't develop a running attack," says Al . . . "My backs were afraid to gallop more than 15 yards for fear one of the guards would part their hair with a '30-30'."

The White Sox have retired from the bidding for Bennie McCoy . . . Couldn't talk the same language as the other clubs . . . Eddie Mead's new wife, the former Gloria Youngblood, has succeeded in making Eddie stop supporting the bookies and rates a manager's license . . . Sam Balters told his coast-to-coast audience Friday night American League dough will install arcs for the St. Louis Browns.

Today's guest star.

Dick Freeman, Houston Chronicle: "It's sad but true. A telephone call to Rice field house for Bus Brannon, basketball coach, brought this doleful response: 'He's gone over to the hospital to see his team.'"

So what? dept.

Eddie Anderson was Knute Rockne's first football substitute and Jim Harria, now Anderson's assistant at Iowa, was Rockne's last . . . Lee Savold has a cousin named M. singing in the Luther College Glee Club . . . The Central Y.M.C.A. of (you guessed it) Brooklyn is running a contest for the best built man and the winner may be featured at one of the Dodgers' night games . . . Pedro Montanez's early ambition was to be a matador, but Pedro won't say whether he changed his mind when he saw his first ring fight or his first bull fight . . . Kansas State has a star free-style swimmer named Leo Yeo and a good loud yeeow for Leo.

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LITTLE CHANGE IN FARMS PREDICTED

Major Loops To Sit Tight This Season

What Future Holds Is Question

By JUDSON BAILEY
NEW YORK—(AP)—In spite of all the clamor and confusion, baseball's farm systems are likely to look essentially the same next summer as they did last season.

Shell-shocked from the repeated bombings of Commissioner Keneaw Mountain Landis which included making 91 Detroit farm hands free agents, the major league magnates are too astounded by his latest proposal for abolishment of the chain gangs altogether to comment on the validity of the plan.

But there is a unanimity of opinion that the Landis program of training schools, subsidies to minor leagues and elimination of optional assignments is a long-range shot and does not affect materially the muddled 1940 situation.

To Stay Put
As to the consequences of his previous seven-point declaration of restrictions on farm operations the big league owners are not in agreement. However, most of them have decided to run the gauntlet on the theory that operations which were bonafide in 1939 will continue to be this year.

A hasty survey shows only the New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers considering any considerable curtailment of working agreements. How sweeping their cut may be remains to be seen.

On the other side of the picture the New York Giants are going ahead with all the farm clubs chosen previously. In addition they have seen fit to arrange one new working agreement since the Landis ukase of January 15.

In Pittsburgh President William E. Benswanger of the Pirates said: "I don't believe the Landis bulletin makes any change in our set-up and we have not withdrawn working agreements with any clubs."

Bees Expand
In Boston Billy Evans said the Red Sox would continue their normal farm operations. And the Bees not only are planning to maintain last year's system but are expanding into the Interstate League.

Washington's farm agreements likewise are all set for 1940.

Clark Griffith said he saw no need for curtailment, but added: "Detroit's been hit a pretty hard blow. (By Landis' ruling making 91 players free agents). I am afraid it's going to hurt them and naturally some minor leagues. Baseball, however, will go on."

Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics expressed a personal belief that "Landis' ruling was a good one." While the A's working agreements haven't been completed he didn't foresee any great revision.

The Phillies intend to expand. The Chicago White Sox have decided to drop a couple of small clubs, but the Cubs will have the same lineup.

The Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians, both with fairly extensive farm operations, are standing pat for the present and are likely to continue connections in the minors through the 1940 season.

Browns Sit Tight
Detroit is attempting to clear away its shambles and reorganize while the St. Louis Browns, which own three clubs and had working agreements with seven others last season, quietly wait to see how far they can go this year.

A possible temporary solution for the problems of the Cardinals and Yankees, whose operations are incomparably more complex than those of other clubs, was held forth Friday night by President William G. Brannan of the National Association (of minor leagues), who asked Landis to postpone some of his prohibitions until after the 1940 season so that the clubs would have a chance to straighten out their affairs.

Goon Henry Will Battle Manacker

McALLEN—Jim (Goon) Henry, a man George Chappas imported from Florida for a match several months ago, returns to McAllen Tuesday night to wrestle Sam Manacker of Massachusetts in the main event bout.

Jim earned the "Goon" part of his name because of his huge arms, which remind you of the character made famous in the Popeye cartoon strip.

Manacker, Chappas, said Saturday, is ranked sixth among heavy-weight grapplers in the United States.

The semi-final brings together El Pulpo, the Mexican flash, and Jack League. The latter will referee the main event bout.

Our Mat Takes In San Felipe Money

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—A high-priced outsider, Our Mat, won the \$10,000 San Felipe Handicap horse race at Santa Anita Park Saturday. Lassator was second and Sun Egret third.

The race was run without competition from Charles Howard's two potent threats, the mighty Seabiscuit and Kayak II. The champion Seabiscuit was withdrawn Friday night and Kayak Saturday.

Our Mat paid \$26, \$14.40 and \$8.40 on \$2 mutual tickets. Lassator paid 10.80 and \$7.60 and Sun Egret \$9.40. Our Mat did the six furlongs in one minute, 10 2-5 seconds.

The mutual handle for the race was \$122,063.

DIZZY HAS HIS HEADACHES



Texas League Prexy Plans To Streamline His Loop

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
DALLAS—(AP)—J. Alvin Gardner, oil man-baseball executive, expects the Texas League to become the first organization of its kind to adopt airplane transportation.

The league has \$100,000 in idle money and five of the eight club owners are in favor of the plan.

The 46-year-old president, who took the job for two years and has been persuaded to stay 11, said Saturday, it might require a couple of seasons to get his idea across but he felt certain all the owners would fall in line.

Under Gardner's plan the league would purchase a first-class plane that would transport 21 persons,

Hunting Good Down Mexico Way Says Guide

BROWNSVILLE—Hunting may be over in Texas, but there is still plenty of it in Mexico, and you can take Vincent Stevenson's word for that.

The Brownsville guide, who outfits and pilots hunting parties into Mexico's interior, says that the game is plentiful if you know where to go for it.

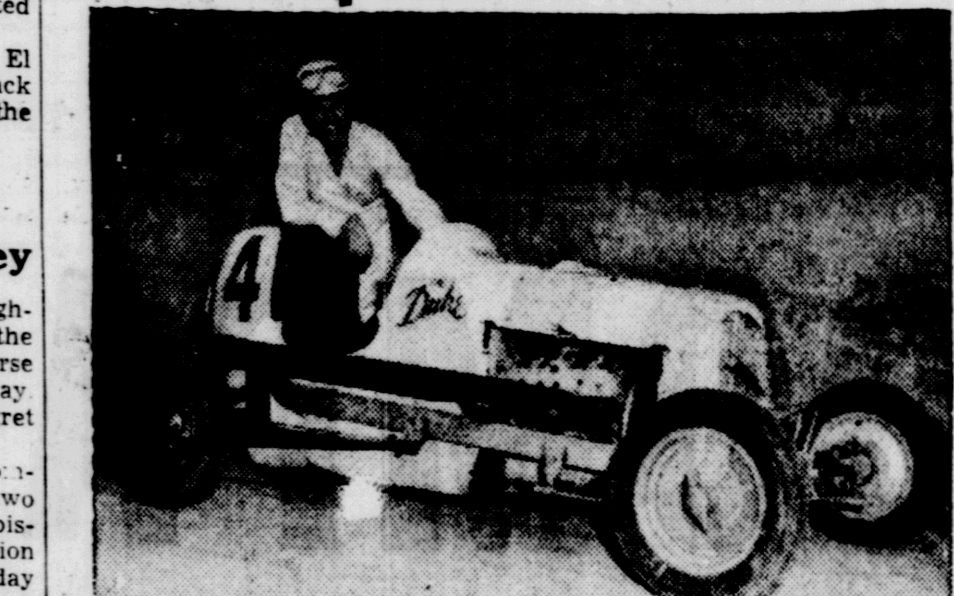
But there are certain requirements would-be hunters in Mexico must meet. In view of the current popularity of Mexico hunting Stevenson Saturday listed the necessary permits which prospective nimrods must obtain before starting on their trek for game.

At present in Mexico it is open season on geese, that is, until January 31. The pheasant season continues until March 15, sandhill crane to February 28, turkey to February 15, doves until March 31, ducks until April 15, wild hogs until April 30, and deer (south of Fernando) until February 15. Stevenson said it is also open season at present on several other types of game.

The hunter going into Mexico must have: A tourist pass, which costs about 80 cents; a car permit, 80 cents; a hunting license, \$9; a cash bond of nearly \$100, which is returned; permission from Mexican military authorities for the guns; and permission from the Mexican customs for guns and other equipment. In lieu of the cash bond, the hunter may purchase a bond for about \$450.

To bring the game back to the United States, all that is necessary is a Mexico export permit and an American customs import declaration, together with permission from the state of Texas. Any game can be brought back as long as the season is open, and within ten days after close of the season.

Sweepstakes Winner



Forced to stay out of the first few races, Mel Wainwright, (above), champion of the Oklahoma-Texas circuit, finally got his car working and won two events Saturday in the midjet auto race card, held as a feature of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair. He climaxed his performance by winning the feature 25-mile sweepstake, final event on the card. With his car in good working order, Wainwright is favored to take down some firsts in Sunday's race program.

Southern To Continue Use Of Play-Off

Several New Laws Are Adopted

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—(AP)—Southern Association directors adopted Saturday a 154-game schedule and voted to continue the Shaughnessy Playoff with the winner to meet the Texas League champions in the Dixie Series.

Provision also was made for the clubs to carry one rookie and one class player during the first 30 days and final 30 days of the season in addition to the 17 regular players. Salaries for the extra men will not be included in the \$5,200 league limit.

Directors decided to seek authority from Judge W. G. Brannan, president of the minor leagues, to continue payment of \$2,000 to players of the club finishing on top in the regular season and a like amount to winners of the play-off. Brannan has ordered the payments to cease on the ground they are bonuses which are barred by baseball law.

Through a resolution, directors voted to seek an amendment to National Association laws to allow clubs to pay bonuses to class men signing after being declared free agents. Bonuses now are limited to rookies.

The association awarded gold passes to W. A. West, former director of the Birmingham club, and to U. S. District Judge John D. Martin, who served as league president for 19 years, retiring in 1937.

Paul Florence of the Cincinnati-operated Birmingham club was named a director of the association and New Orleans was empowered to choose its director at a club meeting next week.

The schedule provides for four trips around the circuit, with the season opening April 12 and closing September 8.

Opening games, previously announced, holiday games and closing games:

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Philadelphia Clubs Like Landis' Plan

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Both the Athletics and Phillies endorsed Saturday Baseball Commissioner Landis' proposed co-operative plan between major and minor leagues in acquiring and developing of young players.

"Judge Landis' plan is OK with me," declared Connie Mack, manager and president of the Athletics.

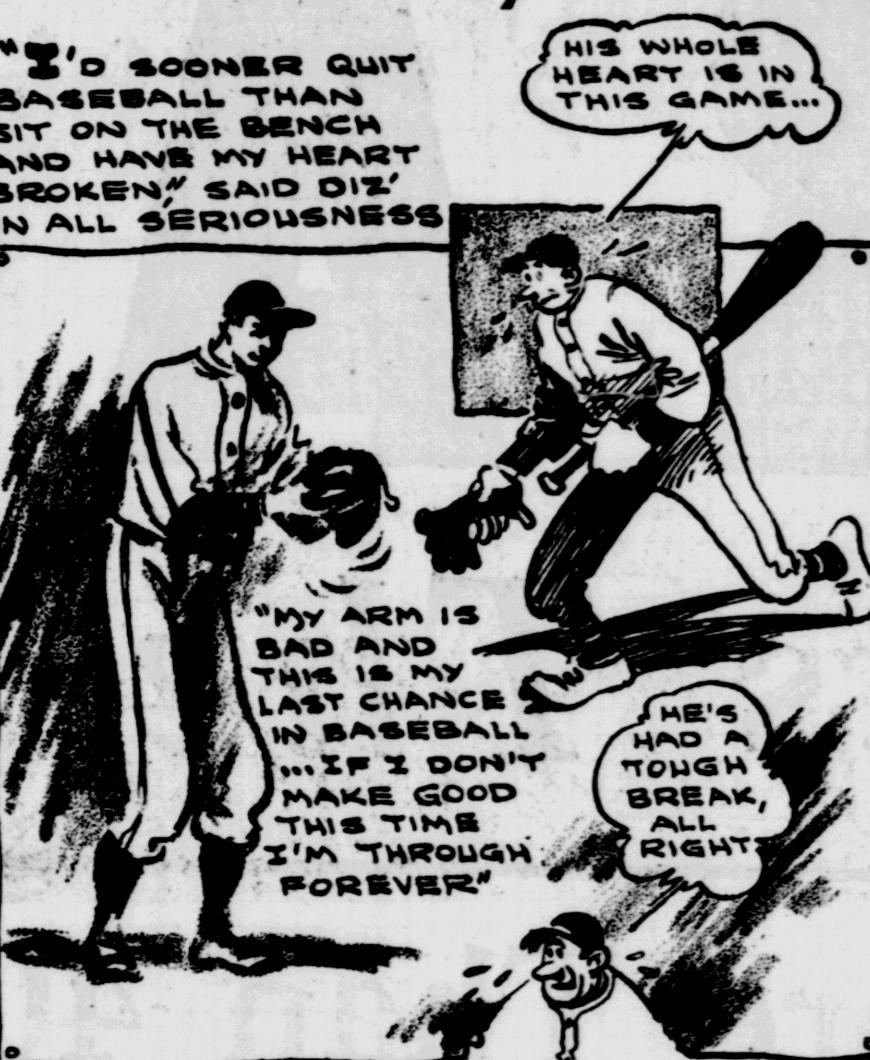
"It's splendid—if it can be worked out and everybody strictly conforms," said Gerry Nugent, Phils prexy.

Gus Lesnevich Given Another Conn Bout

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Gus Lesnevich will have another try at Billy Conn's light-heavyweight world's championship here February 28. Promoter Mike Jacobs announced Saturday.

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Tea Announcing Engagement Of Maureen East Saturday Claims Widespread Attention

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Gayety and Color of Charro Days to Be Seen in Round Of Entertainment Set for Week

Six Dances Listed Among Coming Events; Visitors to Be Honored

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Aside from the regular scheduled events of Charro Days, a number of clubs and individuals will entertain with functions on the Charro theme, and the influx of visitors will be too the raison d'être for a number of hostilities. Some of the Charro guests arrived at the weekend, and the arrival of others is being awaited later in the week.

The Buccaneer Ball will be among the first of the Charro Days events, starting off the festivities Monday evening at El Jardin hotel.

Tuesday evening, the Brownsville Study club will hold its annual Charro entertainment. This will be a Mexican supper slated for 7 p. m. at the Sam L. Lockwood home. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Lockwood will be Mrs. L. C. Fife, and Mrs. J. A. Walker. The members, and their husbands, who will be special guests will attend in costume.

Tuesday evening too, the Skinner Memorial class is serving supper at the First Presbyterian church. Both Mexican and American food will be served by the members who will be costumed. Those attending are invited to wear costumes if they so desire. There will be Mexican music throughout the serving hours of 6 and 8 o'clock, and an added attraction will be a session of the Grand Court of the Brush. Proceeds will go to the church.

Wednesday will be featured with several events on the fiesta theme. In the morning between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, Mrs. Arthur C. Hipp and Mrs. Harvey E. Nuckols will entertain with an "almuerzo" at the Hipp residence on Elizabeth street. This will compliment Mrs. Pearl Nuckols, who arrives January 29 from Gainesville where she has been residing for the past year or so. Mrs. Nuckols will be here for three weeks.

The Wednesday evening function will be the third annual pre-Charro ball of the Triple L club at the Brownsville Country Club. Two hundred invitations have been issued by the club members to guests in Brownsville, Matamoros and other parts of the Valley. Guests in costume, will dance to marimba music in a setting representing a typical Spanish patio. Miss Olivia Pacheco, president, has announced that there will be a floor show at 11:30 o'clock. Six or seven typical numbers will be presented.

The Charro Days style show will be presented Wednesday evening at the Capitol theatre.

On Wednesday also, there will be the junior Grand Ball for high school and junior college students only, at the junior college.

Thursday will see the Grand Charro Ball at El Jardin hotel beginning at 8 o'clock.

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Mrs. Abbott Is Honoree For Coffee

HARLINGEN — To compliment Mrs. Dan Abbott, Mrs. J. H. Powell and Mrs. Jimmy Golaz entertained delightfully Thursday morning with a coffee at the home of Mrs. Golaz. The interesting hospitality was a complete surprise to Mrs. Abbott who is to leave soon with Mr. Abbott and their little son to make their home in San Antonio.

Representation was given the valentine theme in red and white blossoms chosen for decoration and in appropriate details. Red and white gladioli made the large heart centerpiece for the table which was laid with lace. Mrs. Powell poured from the silver coffee service. Coffee cakes made in heart shape and other dainties emphasized the seasonal theme.

Personnel for the attractive courtesy included the honoree and Mesdames Norman Clark, J. E. Cronenwett, Curtis Eaves, Parker Knapp, F. G. Maher, A. K. McKeithan, B. S. Mothershead, W. B. Pius, A. D. Purdy, D. C. Rougeon, J. L. Swann, John G. Thomas, W. O. Weller.

Mesdames A. J. Wittenbach, J. D. Carr, Weldon Miller, T. R. Lovelace, Collis Thompson, Lawson Anglin, L. B. Sherman, R. L. Wood, and Robert R. Brown.

Student to Return

BROWNSVILLE — Among the students returning home for Charro Days will be Mary Frances Seago, student at the University of Texas, who will arrive from Austin in time to attend the Grand Ball February 1. She will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Seago.

Visits Suttons

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Sutton have as their guest Mrs. Virginia Keele of Springfield, Illinois. Mrs. Keele, who will spend several weeks here, arrived Friday morning. She is Mr. Sutton's sister.

Gossamer embroidery on fabric as fragile as a butterfly's wings makes the flounces and bodice of this lovely costume from Yucatan which Mrs. Walter W. Housewright of San Benito, pictured above, will wear for special occasions during Charro Days starting Thursday in Brownsville. Inset above the sheer white embroidered flounces are bands of delicate embroidery in shades of red, all hand-made and closely resembling petit point. The costume, which is known as the "mestiza" and is the traditional attire of native women of the Yucatan peninsula, was purchased by Mrs. Housewright last summer in Merida, capital of Yucatan.

(Photo by Holbrook)

Four Honor Visiting Pair At Supper

BROWNSVILLE — Dr. and Mrs. James L. Rentfro, and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Maxwell, Jr., entertained very delightfully Saturday evening at Landrum's complimenting two visitors.

They entertained for Miss Sally Russell, and James A. Russell, Jr. who are visiting here from Sao Paulo with their parents.

Guests included friends of the honored pair. The affair was one of the highlights in a series of delightful affairs given for the two, both former residents, who are favorite in society here.

Mrs. H. H. Slack Hostess at Bridge In Rio Grande City

RIO GRANDE CITY—Mrs. H. H. Slack was hostess to the meeting of the Wednesday Bridge club Wednesday afternoon at her home. Out of club guests present were Mrs. J. H. Randall and Mrs. V. O. Robinson. Members playing were Mesdames B. C. Arthur, W. W. Zimmerman, H. M. Wood, E. E. Daughtrey and Paul A. Shelton, and winners of high scores were Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Randall.

Mrs. Jack Ehlers Entertains Club With Bridge Event

SAN BENITO—Mrs. Jack Ehlers entertained the Silk Stocking club at her home Thursday afternoon. A salad course was served preceding the games of bridge. At the close of play Mrs. Mary Anderson Foehner held high.

Mrs. D. D. Ferguson was a guest. Members playing were Mesdames Fred Thomas, Mary Anderson Foehner, P. J. DeGurrin, Flint Harris, Ben Shoemaker, Al Lamm and Ted Hudson.



Mrs. Ellis Perry of Brownsville, shown above in the Michoacan costume she will wear during Charro Days, gazes speculatively at the globe Atlas on the small table beside her wondering perhaps if there is any fiesta as colorful and gay as the three-year-old Charro Days in

Brownsville. Mrs. Perry's reboso is deep blue, pinned around her head with the ends drawn forward. Her blouse is richly embroidered, and the dark blue skirt is pleated. (Staff Photo.)

Party Added To Series For Visitor

HARLINGEN—Mrs. Ray Tighman entertained with a lovely luncheon Thursday at her home in Finwood Heights for Miss Jody Marsh of Washington, Miss Miss Marsh, who is the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Lestes Meng, is being entertained with a delightful series of informal affairs.

Setting Delightful For Breakfast Event

RAYMONDVILLE—Members of the Thursday Morning club were happy to meet with Mrs. Harry Shapiro for one of her delicious and unusual breakfasts. The hostess home was cozy and charming in a profusion of calendulas and yellow and lavender gladioli.

At the close of the morning Mrs. Roger Robinson was the most successful in bridge.

Miss Mary Helen George's Engagement to R. C. Amman, Is Announced at Large Tea

BROWNSVILLE—Of particular interest of Brownsville, the Valley, and in other parts of the state, is the engagement and approaching marriage of one of the Valley's favorites in society, Miss Mary Helen George, to Robert Conrad Amman, Jr., of Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Amman, Sr., also of Austin.

The approaching nuptials, to be celebrated in the evening of February 24 at the First Baptist church here, were announced at a large tea at which Mrs. Lula George, mother of the honoree, was hostess.

The affair was held Saturday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock at the Brownsville Country Club, with about three hundred and fifty guests being included in the guest list.

The Club room was transformed through the use of potted palms and white calla lilies. Greeting guests at the door was Mrs. James L. Rentfro.

Receiving were Miss George, Mrs. George, Mrs. Robert C. Amman, Sr., of Austin, Mrs. R. C. Morris, Mrs. Willie A. George, grandmother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Thomas H. Sweeney, Mrs. C. G. Lindsey of Roanoke, Virginia, Mrs. Tolar B. Griggs of Rockfort, Illinois, Mrs. E. J. Tucker of Austin, Mrs. G. D. Sutton, and Mrs. Virginia Keele of Springfield, Illinois.

Mrs. Lula George wore beige; Mrs. Amman, black velvet; Mrs. Morris, black crepe; Mrs. Willie A. George, blue crepe; Mrs. Sweeney, black crepe; Mrs. Lindsey, red jersey; Mrs. Griggs, orchid crepe; Mrs. Tucker, raspberry crepe; Mrs. Sutton, blue crepe; and Mrs. Teele, black crepe with bead trim.

The tea table carried out the bridal motif with its centerpiece which formed an archway of valley lilies, iris, carnations and sweet peas. Underneath the arch was arranged a miniature wedding party at a tiny altar.

Presiding at the table during alternate hours were Mrs. W. W. Deen, Jr., and Mrs. W. E. McDavitt, who poured coffee, and Mrs. Frank L. Davis and Mrs. A. K. Black, who served the cake.

The interesting announcement was contained in the names "Helen and Bob" in letters of silver on the white and silver napkins.

Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. J. H. Batsell, Mrs. Thurman Kinder, Jr., Mrs. M. P. McNair, Mrs. Wallace B. Harwood, Mrs. Joe K. Wells, Mrs. Bynum M. Works, Mrs. Joe Vivier, Jr., Mrs. Herbert L. Thomas, and Mrs. Drew Patteons.

Informal Coffee Fetes Visitor

MCALLEN — A visitor here from Houston, Mrs. Charles F. Lindsay was the honored guest Thursday morning when her hostess and sister, Mrs. Craig Leach, entertained with a coffee at her home.

Mrs. Lindsay arrived here last week with her young daughter from Houston and plans to leave sometime during the early part of the coming week.

A bowl of Valley winter fruit and vegetables centered the coffee table where the hostess presided. Among those attending were Mrs. W. L. Benyon, Mrs. Bob Sklenicka, Mrs. Foster Erminger, Mrs. W. F. Cain, Mrs. Douglas Puryear, Jr., Mrs. H. E. Whigham, Mrs. Joe Alex and Mrs. Gaston Wiley.

Since coming here Mrs. Lindsay has been entertained by a number of her sister's friends at informal affairs to highlight the current cold weather.

Mrs. Frank Hester Entertains Group At Afternoon Bridge

DONNA—Mrs. Frank Hester entertained the Wednesday afternoon Bridge club in her home on East Miller Avenue. The house was decorated with potted geraniums.

Mrs. George Vance won high score in the games, with Mrs. Harry Backer winning second high. A delicious hot refreshment plate with coffee was served to Mesdames A. W. Weinert, Harry Backer, George Vance, Ada Hester, E. A. Boyce, Ben Miller, and Ed Vertress.



From old Spain comes this lovely Spanish costume chosen by Mrs. Elmer G. Johnson, 1110 E. Polk, Harlingen, presented in the picture above, for fiesta wear next week when the Valley dons colorful attire for the third annual Charro Days to be celebrated in Brownsville. The exquisite mantilla, an heirloom and entirely handmade, was brought from Spain to old Matamoros many years ago. Color relief is given the all black costume by a red velvet rose worn just above the forehead, by red bracelets, and by rich red colors woven into the beautiful tapestry of the fan.

Mrs. Ketcham Home

SANTA ROSA — Mrs. Harry Ketcham has recently returned from Austin where she attended the state

board meeting of the Texas Congress of Parent and Teachers. Mrs. Ketcham also attended the educational forum held in Austin on the same date. Since her return from Austin, Mrs. Ketcham was honored guest at a meeting of the Kleberg County Parent-Teachers Association.

First Novel Reviewed

BROWNSVILLE—A review of the first novel, "Pamela," by Samuel Richardson, was given by Mrs. Winship Hodge at the Friday morning meeting of the Literature and Arts Review club at Quinta la Paz, home of Mrs. Volney W. Taylor.

The review was part of a series of studies on English literature. Mrs. Hodge traced the difference between "Pamela" and "Pilgrim's o. characteristics of the present-day novel. She stated that the author had been asked to write sample letters for the benefit of those who had not had much practice in letter-writing. The author complied with the request, weaving the letters into a story.

There was a lengthy discussion of revision of the constitution of by laws of the club during the business meeting.

Attending were Mesdames Walter M. Galloway, C. S. Eldman, Howard L. Cummins, Rufus Ransome, George J. Tooland, Joe K. Wells, Joseph C. Jordan, James B. Rentfro, M. P. McNair, Edward McChesney, Winship Hodge, G. D. Sutton, Penrose W. Hirst, members, and one guest, Mrs. Virginia Knele of Springfield, Illinois.

The next meeting will be held in two weeks with Mrs. C. S. Eldman when Mrs. Walter M. Galloway will be in charge of the program.

Brenners Hosts

RAYMONDVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brenner had as guests at a delectable Italian supper Tuesday evening, Dr. and Mrs. George Bennack, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Douthitt, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Robinson, and Stanley Addington. Bridge followed the menu, with Mrs. Douthitt winning high trophy for the ladies and Mr. Robinson for the men.

Engagement Announced at Large Tea



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A wedding of early spring that will claim widespread interest is to take place Sunday, February 18, in the First Methodist Church in San Benito when Miss Maureen East, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. East and member of a prominent San Benito family, will become the

bride of Russell J. Pennington of Hutchison, Kas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pennington of Hutchison. Announcement of the coming rites was made at a large tea Saturday afternoon in San Benito.

Study Club Committees Are Named

HARLINGEN—Standing committees for the coming club year were announced at the meeting of the Study Club Thursday at the Woman's Building. Mrs. J. N. Crawford, re-elected president for the year 1940-41, announced the following standing committees:

Course of Study, Mesdames Paul Brown, Stanley Bliss, Dan Murphy, J. C. Myrick, J. T. Foster. Publications department, Mesdames Keith McCauley, J. M. Green, J. C. Atchison. Student loan, Mesdames J. C. Crossett, C. A. Macy, Flynn V. Long. Library, Mesdames J. J. Murray, A. L. Brooks, T. S. Herren, R. M. Loving.

Social, Mesdames Wm. L. Trammell, S. G. Stringer, J. A. Alderice, George Diehl, M. A. Childers, and Lloyd W. Thompson. Special committees include: resolutions, Mesdames J. B. Challes, A. B. Newell, and Guy Snively; extension, Mesdames E. P. McCall, F. T. Neary and Polk Hornaday; civics, Mesdames W. J. Williams, A. Goldammer, J. B. Powell, and A. E. McClelland.

Mrs. T. S. Herren was named sponsor for the Junior Study Club. Program for the afternoon centering on the topic, "Looking Ahead," had as its highlight an excellent review of the autobiography of William Lyon Phelps given by Mrs. M. A. Childers. Roll call set the keynote of progress for the afternoon's study and Mrs. Dan Murphy focused the interest of members more strongly on advancement in science and the arts in a talk "Before Your Very Eyes" which gave little known information concerning television.

Review Scheduled For Best Seller

HARLINGEN—Considerable interest in the scheduled review of "Gone With the Wind" February 9 has been displayed by both men and women. Mrs. Cecil Carruth, president of the Sam Houston Parent-Teacher Association, has stated. The review is one of a series of benefit reviews being sponsored during the year by the P-T-A. Margaret Mitchell's book was chosen for the February review, which is to be presented by Mrs. J. N. Crawford, because of the revival of interest in the novel by its recent release in film version. Mrs. Crawford is widely recognized for her superb book reviews.

Mrs. Smith-Jones Is Hostess At Pretty Springtime Luncheon Given in the City of Palms

MCALLEN—The prettiest affair to brighten the social horizon in McAllen during the past week was the luncheon for which Mrs. Smith-Jones was hostess Wednesday in the DeMaxey Room of the Casa de Palmas Hotel to honor Mrs. Ernest Warner.

Miss Faidley, W. W. Hunter Pledge Vows

EDCOUCH — Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Faidley announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Louise to Woodrow Wilson Hunter, son of J. N. Hunter of Edcouche. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. Hunter's sister, Mrs. Harvey Hixon McAllen with the Rev. Hamme pastor of the McAllen Methodist church reading the marriage lines. Mrs. Hunter who is a popular member of the younger group of the upper Valley, received her education in the Nesho Falls, Kansas high school and later attended college at Emporia, Kansas and at Edinburg junior college.

Display Prepared By Donna Members

DONNA—The Willing Workers met with Mrs. Carlson this week at her home North of Donna. During the business meeting plans were made for a club display at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair. Miss Marie gave a very instructive talk on buying and laying linoleum. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon to the sixteen members present. Plans were also made for a party to be held at the home of Mrs. Howard Tomlin's on Tuesday, January 30. The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bennett on South River Road.

All-Day Meeting

HARLINGEN—An all-day meeting of the Presbyterian Auxiliary will be held Tuesday starting at 10:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. M. Chandler. Principal interest will center on the study of the new foreign mission book for the year, "Through Tragedy to triumph." A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

Missionary Societies To Form Federation At Meeting Tuesday

HARLINGEN—Tentative plans for the federation of local missionary societies are expected to be completed at meeting to be held Tuesday at 3 p. m. at the First Methodist Church. At this time the Methodist women will be hostesses to the officers and other representatives of the other active women's missionary groups in Harlingen. Through co-ordination of some activities in a federation, leaders believe, many of the common goals of the separate groups may be more easily reached. Full representation from each active group is earnestly requested.

Mrs. Glen Hoel Is Club Hostess

WESLACO — Mrs. Glen Hoel was hostess Thursday afternoon for interesting games of bridge enjoyed by members of the Dos Mesas club, and a guest of Mrs. George Ury. Mrs. Norris Richey was the winner of the high score award. An attractive refreshment plate was served.

Mrs. Damron Selected As Club Head

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Friendly Hour club, meeting at the home of Mrs. W. F. Barnholdt, elected Mrs. Coy Damron as president.

Others named to office were Mrs. B. F. Dixon as vice president; Mrs. Barnholdt, secretary; and Mrs. O. C. Brown, reporter.

Mrs. Dixon was in charge of the business meeting, preceding the election of officers.

The hostess served a delightful refreshment course at the conclusion of a number of interesting games.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Damron in two weeks.

Bride of December Is Honoree For Bridal Shower

PHARR — Mrs. Lewis O'Mealey and Mrs. Elaine Anderson entertained recently with a bridal shower to honor Mrs. Roy J. Savell of Riviera, formerly Miss Juanita O'Mealey of San Juan.

Games were enjoyed and many lovely gifts presented to the honor guest.

Hot chocolate and cake were served to Mrs. Johnny Payton and son of Pharr, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Miracle and son of Edinburg, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fortson, Mrs. Elmer Anderson, Miss Elaine Anderson Clayton Foster, Herbert Jeaneus Miss Dorothy and Vivian Inge, Mrs. Perry Ruby, Mrs. Claude Rollins Mrs. Claude Moats, Miss Marie De Shazo, Mrs. D. J. Irwin, Miss Clara Joy Irwin, and Mrs. Harold Schafroth and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis O'Mealey and sons, Robert, Edward and Melvin, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Savell of Riviera.

Gifts were sent by others unable to attend.

Russells Return

BROWNSVILLE—Arriving Saturday from brief visits were Miss Sally Russell and her brother, James A. Russell, Jr. Mr. Russell has been spending the week in Mexico City and Miss Russell has been in Kingsville for a few days.

RETURNS TO ALAMO

ALAMO — Lawrin Backman, returned to his home in Oklahoma City Friday after a two week's stay at the home of Mrs. Julia Martin.

Aurora Officers Elected

SAN BENITO — Mrs. Woodrow Wilson was elected president when the Aurora club met Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Le Roy Crawford. Other officers chosen were Mrs. H. C. Massey, vice-president; Mrs. Marrell Hollon, secretary; Mrs. A. R. McHaney, treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Denson, program director. Mrs. Sally Russell of Brazill was guest speaker. Members of the club asked questions about Brazil. Miss Russell is now a member of a school faculty in Brazil. Mrs. James R. Russell, Sr. of Brownsville, was also a guest.

Members attending were Mesdames R. J. Bohner, Marvin Burgess, Lee Roy Crawford, Harrell Hollon, Robert Hamlin, E. R. KeKneedy, H. C. Massey, A. V. Michael, A. R. McHaney, Wesley Roberts, A. C. Smith and Woodrow Wilson.

The Woman's Culture club met at the home of Mrs. L. B. Mayer. Mrs. J. Y. Harvey read an interesting paper on "Did You Know?"

"Our Changing Population" was topic of a panel discussion. Taking part were Mrs. O. L. Byrd, Mrs. C. M. Cash, Mrs. Harry Carroll and Mrs. Ted Hudson.

Mrs. Byrd, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Charley Barber, president.

A salad course was served by Mrs. Mayer at the close of the afternoon. The next meeting will be February 14, at the Stonewall Jackson hotel. This will be an open meeting with J. H. Plenn of Brownsville guest speaker. Mr. Plenn is author of the book, "Mexico Marches."

Miss Effie Watson was guest speaker for the afternoon when the Athenian club met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Blount for a program on Hawaii. Hawaiian music formed a background for her interesting talk. Guest artists were Mrs. F. L. Paschall, Mrs. L. W. Pratt, Mrs. H. V. Gordon, Mrs. Mary Schneider and Mrs. O. T. Roots, a string sextette.

During the social punch sandwiches and cookies were served from a lace laid table. Decorations for the affair featured pine cones.

Guests were Mesdames A. L. Henry, C. E. Dodson, Woodrow Wilson, F. W. Colmery, Roy Taft, J. W. Durette, F. L. Paschall, L. W. Pratt, Harry Schneider, Mrs. O. T. Roots, H. V. Gordon, A. R. Motheral and Miss Effie Watson. Members attending were Mesdames W. O. Brown, E. J. Blount, F. W. Burgess, E. C. Breedlove, J. W. Graham, Alex Kerr, A. McMillan, John Prentiss, J. R. Harris, E. D. Reed, W. J. Shidler, John Sheldner, M. B. Finley, J. E. Thompson, L. R. Wasson, and R. H. Ward.

Dunkers Club Entertained

HARLINGEN—The club colors of purple and gold, with yellow callulias giving floral interest, were prettily emphasized Thursday evening when Frances Payne entertained the Dunkers Club, D. S., at 509 North A Street. Florence Matz, president, was in charge of the business meeting, and Katie Henderson directed the program.

The privilege of voting was exercised by Eleanor Matz who gave a short interesting sketch of the early beginning of the movement for women's suffrage started by Susan B. Anthony in the United States.

Each member was asked to express her opinion as to the proposed third term for President Roosevelt.

Members enjoying the doughnut dunking were Carolyn Cameron, Eunice Rogers, Bernice Fremmer, Yettevte DiBois, Evelyn Dell; Mar. Frances Gamble, Delitha Bothwell, Florence Matz, Gladys Wallace, Nita Matz, Edna Belle Farrar, and the hostess.

Friends Reunited After Twenty Years

RAYMONDVILLE — Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Young of San Diego, California, who are now touring the Valley were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Scott. Twenty years ago the Scotts and Youngs were neighbors in Edinburg, New Mexico. They had not seen each other since that time.

Dr. and Mrs. Young expressed delight in the beauty of the Valley and did not seem to mind the extreme cold weather.

Society Calendar

MCALLEN Tuesday 12:30 p. m.—Mrs. T. W. Mahone will be hostess to the meeting of the Tuesday Luncheon Bridge Club. 8:00 p. m.—Members of the Altar Society will entertain at a game party at the Parish Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Wednesday 2:00 p. m.—Mrs. E. R. Russell will be hostess to the Wednesday Bridge Club. 3:00 p. m.—The McAllen Study Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Olney Dean.

Thursday 2:20 p. m.—There will be a meeting of the Altar Society at the Parish Hall.

Friday 3:00 p. m.—Mrs. DeWitt Haden, Jr., will be hostess to a meeting of the McAllen Child Study Club.

Visit Maxwells

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. James A. Maxwell, Jr., have as their guest Mr. Maxwell's sister, Miss Catherine Maxwell of Brady. Joining her here for Chorro Days will be her mother, Mrs. James A. Maxwell, Sr., who will arrive about February 1.

Club Plans Heirloom Tea

Mrs. L. W. Pratt, San Benito, is president of the What-to-Read Club which will entertain with an heirloom tea February 21 at the home of Mrs. F. E. Burger. Mrs. Pratt is past president of the San Bento Music Club. (Holbrook Studio)



Bird Pictures Shown at Fair Painted From Living Models By Valley Woman Artist

HARLINGEN—A large number of Valley citizens will be much better acquainted with the unusual birds of this section through paintings exhibited in the art department at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair by Mrs. Daisy Beach of Lyford. Mrs. Beach is not only an artist, but makes a hobby of bird study.

She has gained the confidence of a number of different kinds of birds by providing feed, protection, and water at her home. The birds come to the back door and can almost be touched by hand, she reports, though they take flight when a stranger appears. She had a nest of white baby owls in her yard and has had opportunity to observe many of the rare species such as the painted bunting, scarlet tanager and others.

Annual High School Dance Is Slated

MCALLEN — Date for the annual dance to honor "Queen Valleyanna" has been set ahead until March 1. Officials of the McAllen Senior High School senior class, sponsors, announced Saturday.

The date was originally set for Feb. 23 at the Casa de Palmas hotel but conflicting arrangements necessitated the change.

"Queen Valleyanna" will be chosen from a group of high school beauties in the Valley. Eighteen schools have been invited to name duchesses for the dance and from these the queen will be selected with a group of three tourists serving as judges. The McAllen duchess will not enter competition.

The dance was established last year as an annual event and drew an attendance of 160 persons. Proceeds from the program will go toward meeting the cost of publishing the McAllen high school yearbook "El Espejo."

A number of senior class members' mothers will serve as chaperones for the dance.

Plant Propagation Discussed In Talk For Garden Group

WESLACO — A very interesting and instructive talk was given by John F. Wood of the Experiment Station to members of the Weslaco Garden club at the meeting held with Mrs. Bruce Walker hostess at her home Thursday.

Dr. Mabel Gwilliam, program chairman, introduced the speaker. Mr. Wood talked on "Propagation of plants with classified demonstration of budding and grafting."

A large membership attended with Mrs. George Godfrey, president, in charge of the business.

New Officers Named By Aurora Grove

BROWNSVILLE—Aurora Grove 778 elected officers at a recent meeting.

Nineteen members attended the session when the following were elected: Zulema Perez, past guardian; Anita R. Lopez, guardian; Gregoria Pena, advisor; Elena P. Hinojosa, corresponding and recording secretary; banker, Mrs. Nicols B. Miller; Dora C. Alonzo chairman of auditors.

Blasa C. Hinojosa, second auditor; Teodora R. Hill, third auditor; Josefina Ramirez, chaplain; Cucca Barrios, attendant; Isabel Barrada assistant attendant; Josefina Rousett, junior counselor; Josefina Rousett, reporter; Maria Trevino inner sentinel, Dora Sanchez, outer sentinel.

Mr., Mrs. Heid Are Bridge Hosts

WESLACO — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heid was hosts to members of the duplicate club, playing at their lovely home on Texas Boulevard Thursday night. Roses attractively decorated the reception room and winners of score were Mr. Heid, Mrs. Charles Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Soether.

Late in the hospitality the hostesses served a delicious salad plate.

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Saving Of Flowers Is Topic

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Sam Perl was in charge of the interesting program on the preservation of cut flowers at the Thursday morning meeting of Los Ebanos Garden club at the home of Mrs. Thomas H. Sweeney, Jr.

Mrs. Perl, also presided at the business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. R. A. Porter when Mrs. Joe K. Wells, gave a report of the financial committee mentioning plans for an intensive drive for new members.

Mrs. Wells also read an article on what to do in the garden after a freeze, suggesting not cutting shrubs until all danger from cold is past.

Mrs. Perl began her talk on the preservation of cut flowers by stating that flowers should be cut in the early morning if possible, or late in the evening. The branch should be cut with a knife in a long clean slant, and the flowers immediately plunged in cold water up to the blossoms, cutting off unnecessary foliage. The flowers should be left in the cold water for from two to twelve hours.

Mrs. Perl mentioned that deep bowls, capable of holding a large quantity of water are most desirable should be scalded carefully after use. She listed the most satisfactory preservative as hydrogen sulphate, using one teaspoon to each quart of water from a solution made from one ounce of the sulphate to one quart of water.

To revive wilted flowers that are old, Mrs. Perl suggested plunging the flowers into hot water after cutting off an inch of stem, and leaving these in the water until the water cools. She told of the necessity for fresh water in vases for flowers, and said that charcoal could be used in the vase to freshen the water.

In cutting flowers, Mrs. Perl said that roses should be cut when the color first shows in the bud; that gladioli should be cut when the second flower on the stalk shows.

The next meeting will be held February 8 when Mrs. Thurman A. Kinder, Jr., will be program chairman at the home of Mrs. John S. Peek. The members voted to hold no meeting February 22.

MRS. PETCH CONVALESCING

HARLINGEN — Mrs. F. Grant Petch, who recently underwent a major operation in the Hermann Hospital in Houston, is now home and able to be out again.

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Religion In Home Discussed

LA FERIA—At the meeting of the Child Study Club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jimmy Nuckols, the Rev. J. C. Lovern, pastor of the Methodist Church, was guest speaker. He had as his topic, "Religion in the Home."

The speaker stressed the importance of parents being what they expected their children to be. The hostess served cake and coffee to 13 members and Mrs. Carrom of Ohio, a guest.

Mrs. Robert Elston entertained recently with a party to honor her daughter, Jean Anne, on her 10th birthday. Games and contests were enjoyed.

Major interest of the little guests centered on the unique birthday cake, baked in the shape of a lamb and covered with coconut icing to represent wool. Jelly, cake, and candy were served to the young guests.

They were Mary Shannon, Arnett Viken, Evelyn Kottlieb, Gerry Ashworth, Loretta Grotzinger, Mary Emma Hopkins, Anna Ramsey Hopkins, and Vivian Fay Elston. Mrs. Elston was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Ray Focannon.

Mrs. K. J. Scott Is Bridge Hostess

PHARR—Mrs. K. J. Scott was hostess for a delightful meeting of the Tuesday Bridge club, colorful folwers being used to decorate the rooms. The attractive St. Valentine motif was carried out in the game appointments and refreshment service.

Mrs. George B. Fleming, Sr., was awarded the trophy for high score. Those present were Mesdames T. A. Wall, Roy Barnes, A. L. Price, E. C. White, Bryce Ferguson, A. A. Kelley, George B. Fleming, Marvin Evans and the hostess, Mrs. Scott.

Brownies Make Cards To Send to Sick

PHARR—"Art" was the special feature of the regular meeting of the Brownie Girl Scouts, held Tuesday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. June Avery.

The afternoon was spent with the girls making "Get Well" cards. At next week's meeting the group will make "valentines."

Arrive For Winter

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Sanleigh and sons Sherman, Jr. and Lanny, of Dennison, Texas, arrived Wednesday to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Slocum Visits

PHARR—Mrs. R. E. Slocum is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Lindsay and Mr. Lindsay, in Houston.

Newcomer Gets Into Fiesta Spirit



Mrs. Jack Mace, a newcomer to Brownsville, gets into the spirit of the fiesta of Charro Days by trying on one of the lovely costumes that will be seen at the balls, and social events in the coming week. Mrs. Mace, who arrived here from Minnesota on the evening of the concluding day of the fiesta, wears a Michoacan costume complete with the dish of fruit that goes with the costume, loaned by Miss Lillian Runyon. The white blouse is brightly embroidered in wool, and the dark flannel, is pleated at the waist, and features a double peplum of the flannel and the white cotton embroidery that ornaments the bottom of the skirt. (Staff Photo)

Betas Hold Initiation

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Jeanine Wortman was formally initiated into the Beta Sigma Phi at a meeting Thursday evening at Landrum's. The ritual of jewels was conducted for the initiate.

Place cards ornamented with Mexican figures marked the places for winner for the chapter members, and a bowl of yellow chrysanthemums centered the table. Attending besides Miss Wortman were Misses Mary Patrick, Billie Nuckols, Inez Brulay, Mary Mason Laurita Grider, Elizabeth Browne Mesdames J. B. Secrest, Harvey E. Nuckols, and Volney W. Taylor.

Program Tonight

EDCOUCH—A special program will be presented at the Edcouch Methodist church on Sunday night January 28. The young people of the church will present "The Life of Christ," in scripture, choruses, quartets, duets, solos with full choruses and readings.

President Aurora Club



Mrs. Roswell J. Bohner of San Benito is president of the Aurora Club, one of the most active club groups of young San Benito matrons. Mrs. Bohner is prominent in church and other activities and is especially in demand for lectures and information on child training. (Photo by Holbrook)

McAllen Methodist Church Circles Are Re-Organized; Luncheon Enjoyed by WMS

McALLEN—The names of famous Biblical characters were chosen to designate three of the four circles comprising the Women's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church meeting for an organization covered dish luncheon Thursday at the church.

The group of which Mrs. E. W. Ogden is chairman will be known

"Dress-Up" Garb Simple, Alluring

By ROSETTE HARGROVE, NEA Service Staff Correspondent. PARIS—So far as Frenchwomen are concerned, it's patriotic to dress for the evening whenever the occasion demands it.

At the outbreak of war, it was a natural feminine instinct to put away all party clothes, but now the men are coming home on leave, it is up to the women to look their most charming to make them forget the war.

Fashions always reflect the "climate" of the moment and the recent creations shown by the Parisian designers for "dressing up" occasion are full of allure, yet at the same time practical and simple. On the other hand, they are styles which will appeal to women the world over.

Paris suggests two alternatives—the formal street-length dress or the full-length dinner gown. The formal decollete evening dress has naturally disappeared from the Parisienne's wardrobe.

The long dinner or theatre dress usually has long sleeves and a high neckline, but sleeves "pushed back" over the elbows are as smart. So far as line is concerned, both long and short skirts preserve the slim hipline and the nipped-in waist effect, but nearly all show varying degrees of fullness.

Bodices are either easy-fitting or skin-tight (Alix often fastens center front and many show subtle draperies usually massed over the bosom. Necklines are neither exaggeratedly high nor low, the newest line stopping at the base of the throat, either rounded or squared.

Application motifs—these most intricately worked and providing the best delicate workmanship—have been revived with much success. These are usually carried out on net or chiffon bases for greater contrast. Deep sheer yokes continuing into sleeves, and often forming almost the entire back, will offer a transparent contrast of setting the opaqueness of the remainder of the dress.

The full-length dinner gown styles differ little from the shorter edition, although they do come in other colors but black. Carbons Mediterranean and the very popular "Alerte" or blackout blues lead in the color card, with soft raspberry, greens, old gold and other dark yellows, brown, grays and some bright reds also featured.

Hats accompanying restaurant dresses, both the long and short variety, are becoming and not a bit crazy. Turbans, toques, small-brimmed hats—all these are smart—with the "profiled" beret making a determined comeback. The vogue of the fur toque was not diminished.

as the "Esther circle"; Mrs. Lloyd Lee's group is now named "Ruth," and Mrs. Mason Rowe's "Martha." The Naomi circle retained its name. Previously the circles had been designated with the numbers one, two and three.

Seventy-nine women were present at the luncheon featured by an address by Mrs. Homer Sala, wife of Dr. Homer Sala of Decatur, Ill., noted lecturer and traveler. Her talk was entitled "The Gift of a Christian Mother."

Mrs. Sala, who has traveled extensively with her husband, is a highly interesting speaker, members said.

The devotion was given by Mrs. O. B. Merrill with Mrs. Chester Fink reading a leaflet citing the accomplishments of Miss Belle Bennett, one of the outstanding Methodist foreign missionaries.

Following the luncheon groups met for meetings at the church. Members of the Naomi circle went to Mrs. Bill McGilvray's home where a social afternoon was enjoyed.

Twelve members attended the meeting of the Esther circle with the following officers presiding: Chairman, Mrs. Ogden; Mrs. Admison, treasurer; Mrs. G. C. Ehlinger, secretary; and Mrs. W. T. Morgan, treasurer.

Plans for a Valentine party to be held at the church Feb. 14 were made by the Ruth circle at their meeting. The party is open to the public. Mrs. Lee was circle leader.

Brownsville Art League Reelects Whole Slate Officers

BROWNSVILLE—All officers were reelected by members of the Brownsville Art League at a meeting held recently.

The officers are: Mrs. J. Earle Magill, president; Mrs. Kellis G. Buckley, secretary; and Mrs. D. D. Hyndman, reelected.

Austinites Visit

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Lula George has as her houseguests Mrs. E. J. Tucker of Austin, former Brownsville resident, and Mrs. Robert C. Amman, Sr., also of Austin. The two arrived Tuesday evening from Austin for the announcement party given Saturday afternoon for Miss Mary Helen George by her mother.

From Vermont

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. M. B. Kingsbury and her daughter, Mrs. D. J. Branon, arrived Thursday from their home in Burlington, Vermont, to spend the winter with Mrs. Kingsbury's brother and sister, Walter Roussel and Mrs. Alice R. Valdez.

Visit Schmidts

BROWNSVILLE—Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Schmidt for Charro Days are Mrs. R. C. Kring of Dallas, Miss Dorothy Ann Schmidt of Washington, and Mrs. H. V. Scanlan, of Watertown, Wisconsin. The visitors arrived at the week-end.

GUEST IN DONNA

DONNA—Mrs. James D. Williamson is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Yeager, of Donna, at their home on South Sixth street.

Attend National Meet

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis More and son left last week for Kansas City where Mrs. Moore will visit while he attends the National Canner's Convention in Chicago.

Wallace Bohannon of Edinburg accompanied the Moores on their trip.

Mrs. Percy Herman arrived Saturday from a month's trip during which she visited her daughter, Louise, in New York City and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pagenstecher in Austin. Mr. Herman, who also made the trip to New York, returned to McAllen Thursday while Mrs. Herman remained in Austin for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Buescher and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Thomas returned Thursday from San Antonio where they spent a few days.

Mrs. Abe Morell, the former Meriam Vessels, who has been visiting her parent, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Vessels for the past few weeks, left for her home in Enid, Okla., Thursday. She was accompanied as far as Dallas by her father.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sipe of Decatur, Ill., and Mrs. I. W. McClung of Sullivan, Ill., are spending the winter visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Sipe of San Juan.

Mrs. R. H. Haseltine is spending the week-end at Houston.

Election Held At Meeting Of YWCA Board

HARLINGEN—The Valley Y. W. C. A. Board met Thursday, January 25th, in the home of Mrs. Van R. Wiggins, Harlingen, with Mrs. Lee H. Kidder, president, presiding. Plans for the annual summer camp were formulated and the date set tentatively, June 17 to July 13. Mrs. M. U. Caul, camp chairman, led a discussion of requirements of personnel and proposed changes in activities, stating that a capacity of 35 girls can be cared for each week of the camp.

Officers were elected for the 1940-41 seasons, and are: Mrs. Lee H. Kidder, re-elected president; Mrs. Frank Yoder, Weslaco, vice president; Mrs. Van R. Wiggins, recording secretary; Mrs. E. G. Harris, Rio Hondo, treasurer; Mrs. O. J. Schaeffer, Mercedes, corresponding secretary and Mrs. M. U. Caul, camp chairman.

Mrs. Kidder reported the camp is in readiness for the summer and many reservations already made. The Baptist Young People will have a conference May 27 through June 1; the Christian Young People on June 3 through 8th; Cameron County Home Demonstration clubs June 12 and 13; 4-H clubs of three counties June 14th and 15th.

Members in attendance were Mrs. Ralph Agar and Mrs. C. L. Jones, San Benito; Mrs. Kidder, Mercedes; Mrs. M. U. Caul, Mrs. Geo. L. Gallagher, Mrs. Hill Cooke and Mrs. Wiggins, Harlingen.

The board will meet again during the summer camp at the Y. W. C. A. camp in Rio Hondo.

Society Calendar

HARLINGEN

Monday
3:30 p. m. Affiliates club has postponed meeting at Woman's Building.

Tuesday
3 p. m. Methodist women will be hostesses to officers of other Harlingen missionary societies for meeting to organize city federation of missionary groups.

10:30 a. m. Presbyterian Auxiliary meets at the home of Mrs. M. C. Chandler for all-day study of mission book.

10:30 a. m. Circle five, Baptist Women's Missionary Society meets at the home of Mrs. E. C. Breedlove for all day session.

2 p. m. Circles one and two, Baptist W.M.S. meets at the church for mission study.

2 p. m. circles three and four, Baptist W.M.S. meet at the home of Mrs. Foster Tebbe.

Thursday
1 p. m. Child Study Club meets with Mrs. Joe Wood with Mrs. J. C. Thrash as co-hostess.

4 p. m. Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre presents "Under the Lilacs" in the Municipal Auditorium with Harlingen Fine Arts Club as sponsors.

8 p. m. Dunkers Club, D. S. will meet at the home of Bernice Prenzier, 1102 E. Filmore.

Friday
5 to 8:30 p. m. Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid has benefit chicken and oyster supper in basement of First Methodist Church.

2:30 p. m. South O'Harlingen Club will meet at the home Mrs. F. M. Miller on the San Benito highway.

Mrs. R. D. Smith Is Club Hostess

RAYMONDVILLE—The U-Dealt-Em Club members were guests of Mrs. R. D. Smith on Wednesday for their party. Mrs. Kermit Lindahl played high. Mrs. Louis Stewart and Mrs. M. C. Yoder were guests.

At the conclusion of the games a dainty sweet course was served.

Supper Postponed

EDCOUCH—The oyster supper sponsored by the Ladies Club of the Methodist church which was postponed due to the inclement weather will be held at the church annex on February 2nd, according to an announcement made by the committee in charge of this benefit affair.

To Graduate



Miss Hazle Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holland M. Wood of Rio Grande City, will receive her B. A. degree from Southwestern University at Georgetown in June. Prominent in student activities, Miss Wood is serving on the Student Senate and on the Honor Council; she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority of which she is vice-president and pledge captain, and has been chairman for three years. She is also a member of Pi Gamma Mu, honorary social science fraternity and of the Pan-American forum.

Mrs. Niles Esery Is Mexican Lunch, Bridge Hostess

McALLEN—A Mexican luncheon was the method Mrs. Niles Esery used to entertain her bridge club Thursday at home.

Following the luncheon the following members enjoyed an afternoon of bridge: Mrs. Frank Crow, Mrs. Vannie Cook and Mrs. J. R. Glascock, Mrs. H. H. Hensley, Mrs. R. L. White, Mrs. Hoyt Ferry and the hostess.

San Perlita Club Has Informal Meet

SAN PERLITA—The San Perlita Home Demonstration club met on Thursday afternoon in the school home economics room. Roll call answers were "Achievements." Mrs. J. W. Sherley from Oklahoma was a visitor. Mrs. E. G. Young was hostess and served refreshments suitable for a cold day. Because of the absence of several members due to inclement weather, little business was undertaken and the program informal.

TO SAN ANTONIO

MISSION—F. B. Holland left Thursday for San Antonio, where he will attend to business for the Magic Valley Electric, the Valley unit of the R. E. A., of which he is the president.

District Meeting Is Called

HARLINGEN—Call to Valley members of the executive board for the Fifth District, Texas Federation of Women's clubs to a meeting Friday, February 2, in Corpus Christi has been mid-year issued by Mrs. J. T. Vance, Refugio, district president. The meeting will open at 10 a. m. in the First Presbyterian church in Corpus Christi.

Reservations for the luncheon to be served for 60 cents a plate should be sent to Mrs. W. M. Downing in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Percy V. Herman of McAllen is first vice president for the district. Other Valley women who are members of the district executive board include Mrs. Ben H. Sanders, Mrs. P. G. Greenwood and Mrs. Gerald W. McKenna, Harlingen; Mrs. D. P. Gay, Brownsville; Mrs. Orville I. Cox, McAllen; and Mrs. R. A. Denison, Weslaco.

Pattersons Leave

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Drew Patterson departed Thursday morning for Dallas where they will be for the next two weeks.

In Laredo

RIO GRANDE CITY—John A. Pope, Jr., is spending a few days in Laredo this week on business. He is the guest of his mother, Mrs. John A. Pope, Sr.

Mrs. Spillat Hostess For Club Meeting

RIO GRANDE CITY—Mrs. Bascom A. Spillat entertained the Woman's club Thursday night at her home with the following present: Mrs. Ida E. Huff, who presided in the absence of the president, and Mesdames Wm. Drummond, Arnold J. Vale, C. Solis, Florence J. Scott, M. F. Garcia, Ira O'Meara, Howard L. Staggs, John Hinojosa, Jr., Miss Shirley and Robin Brooks. Miss Olive Lee Jackson was a guest for the evening.

During the business session, Mrs. Scott gave an interesting report on Federation news after which the meeting was turned over to Miss Shirley Brooks, program chairman for the evening on the subject "The Influence of School and Church." Miss Brooks introduced Mrs. Solis who read a paper on "The Story of Christianity." Miss Brooks concluded the program with a discussion of "Modern Educational Agencies." Refreshments were served following adjournment.

GROUP WILL MEET

EDCOUCH—Rev. S. H. Culpepper will be the guest speaker for the fourth and final meeting of the Edcouch-Elsa Study group when they meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the high school cafeteria.

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Wildcat Drilling For Week Sets Record For Winter Oil Activities

Hidalgo And Starr Lead In Southwest Development

McALLEN — More and deeper wildcats were drilled Saturday in the Lower Rio Grande Valley oil area than at any time in recent months and they were being drilled in areas that should produce some excellent results. Most important and interesting tests were under way in Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

About five miles south of McAllen in southern Hidalgo County, Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1 T. J. Ogg, Jr., Lot 12, Block 5, Rio Bravo Plantation Subd., was coring around 6,960 feet on a 10,000-foot contract. No shows have been reported thus far in the well.

In central Hidalgo about 3,500 feet northeast of the distillate discovery and sole producer in the San Salvador gas-distillate field, Gulf States Oil Co. plans to take its semi-wildcat, the No. 2 Josefa Cardenas in Sharr, 156, San Salvador del Tule Grant, to 10,000 feet. It is making hole around 6,000 feet with first gas distillate sands due around 6,500 feet.

Brinkoeter Oil Corp. No. 1 Daskam, Block 43, Daskam Subd., Por. 45, about two and a half miles east of the Samfordyce field in western Hidalgo, was making hole past 3,100 feet.

In northeastern Starr about five miles north of the Sun field and three and a half miles southwest of Kelsey field production, Sun Oil Co. No. 1 Encarnacion Rodriguez, Santa Teresa Grant, was reaming down to resume coring at 5,061 feet. No important shows have been reported in the test thus far.

Nearly two miles northeast of the Sun wildcat and a mile west and a little south of southmost production in the new Starr County section of the prolific Kelsey field, Royal Oil & Gas Co. No. 1 Enemorio Suarez, Block 9, McBride Subd., Shares B and C, Santa Teresa Grant, cemented 10 3-4 inch o.d. surface casing at 506 feet and was drilling past 1,800 feet. This wildcat will be watched very closely as a possible southwest extension of Kelsey production. It was reported that the Royal drilling block includes a 60-acre farmout from Trinity Petroleum Co. in Santa Teresa and a 50-acre farmout from Navarro Oil Co. adjoining on the south. Humble Oil & Refining was reported to have provided \$2,500 bottom-hole money for a 5,000-foot test.

In southern Jim Hogg County, Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1 (slim-hole) Mestena Oil & Gas Co., also known as Humble No. 3 Mestena, Survey 388, Fowler & Rankin Subd., was abandoned at total depth of 6,230 feet after attempting to blow out at approximately the same depth at which the No. 2 Mestena was abandoned.

In the same area, Humble's No. 2 (slim-hole) Mestena Oil & Gas, 390 feet from the east and 680 feet from the north lines of Survey 388, Fowler & Rankin Subd., was reported drilling around 600 feet.

McALLEN — South Texas proven fields completed so many new wells or had so many new wells in pro-

PORT SCHOOL LISTS PUPILS

Honor, Attendance Rolls Announced

PORT ISABEL — Another six weeks is at an end, not only that, but a whole semester has gone successfully by for the pupils of the Port Isabel High School.

Those who made the Honor Roll for the third six weeks are: Sixth: Sister Marchan, Celia Gonzalez, Mary Cavazos, Aurora Espinosa, Junie Castorina, Charlotte Buff, Seventh: Ernestina Barrera, Ruth Marie Shrove, Eighth: Frances Warren and Herbert Williams. Ninth: Rosemary Schmidt, Katherine Smith, Willie Barrera, Tenth: Marian Baumfelder, Irene Green, and Johnnie Marie Schmidt.

Semester Honor Roll includes: Sixth: Charlotte Buff, Sister Marchan, Junie Castorina, Seventh: Ernestina Barrera, Ruth Marie Shrove, Ninth: Rosemary Schmidt, Tenth: Marian Baumfelder, Irene Green, and Johnnie Marie Schmidt.

Those with perfect attendance for the third six weeks are: Sixth: Roy Green, Charlotte Buff, Junie Castorina, Seventh: Dan Marchan, Ernesto Siguero, Antonio Tamayo, Esteban Tamayo, Viola Barrientes, Rita Lopez, Ruth Marie Shrove, Celia Tamayo, Eighth: Jackie Quinn, Junior Wason, Erida Scoggins, Rosal Garcia, Tenth: Guisberto Gonzalez, Irene Green, Mary E. Quinn, Eleventh: Juan Gonzalez.

Those who had perfect attendance for the half year are: Sixth: Charlotte Buff, Ronald Carpenter, Junie Castorina, Roy Green, Reyes Hernandez, Eulalia Reyes, Seventh: Dan Marchan, Ernesto Siguero, Ruth Marie Shrove, Celia Tamayo, Eighth: Jackie Quinn, Junior Wason, Erida Scoggins, Rosal Garcia, Tenth: Guisberto Gonzalez, Irene Green, Mary E. Quinn, Eleventh: Juan Gonzalez.

McAllen Debating Team Is Selected

McALLEN — Thirteen McAllen high school students have been chosen on the debating team which will compete in the Texas Inter-scholastic League contests.

Members are Alva Lockhart, Myrtle Handler, Helen Grady, Bernie Gwynn, Fucia Eason, Frieda Scoggins, Garnet Lawrence, La Frieda Scoggins, Woodie Pride, David Calvin, Frank Coleman, Jerry Weatherly and Dan Robinson. The coach is David Gardner.

'Strange Road' Is Chosen For Drama

McALLEN — Presentation of a supernatural play, "Strange Road," by John M. Houston, is planned by the Dramatic Club of McAllen high school in interscholastic league competition.

The four roles will be played by Grace Delamater, Shirley Kyle, Lila Beth Culwell and Clyde Walker. Don Irwin is director of the club. The league competitions are planned sometime in April.

DOMINO MEET OPEN MONDAY

5th Annual Mercedes Tourney Listed

MERCEDES — Entries drawn to play each night of the Mercedes Fifth Annual Domino Tournament, starting Monday night, January 29, 7 o'clock, sponsored by the Mercedes Volunteer Department, have been announced by R. L. Yearwood, in charge of the event.

For Monday night, those drawn are: Frank Avant, Edgar Yates, Henry Lauderdale, L. M. McDonald, Henry Powell, Jerry Vander-schick, F. W. Duncan, Clark Atcherry, RGV Gas Company, Jimmy Morgan, Iris Kramer, O. D. Kirkland, O. E. Van Berg, Herbert Goza.

Experts Entered — Ben Brooks, Jr., J. A. Taylor, Tommy Ewing, Excelsior Laundry, Waldon Greenlee, Jimmy Nebenzahl, John W. Herndon, Eli Edelstein, Henry Williamson, W. D. De-Cell, Melvin Jordan, Abe Baum, Margaret Farmer, Harold Chumblet, C. B. Williams, D. J. Schwarz, Buddy Traylor, L. A. Price Mercantile Company.

On Tuesday night, January 30, the following are chosen to play: John J. Brooks, C. D. MacVean, Eldon B. Smith, Colley and McAfee, Owen Stone, Sunny Drive-Inn, W. E. Til-lery, Alston Drug Store, Dr. D. L. Heidrick, J. H. Swire, Dave Bar-shack, Figgly-Wiggly, J. C. Deyo, F. C. Parle, George Carnes, F. C. Reasonover, J. M. Reynolds, Sheriff Bob Daniel, Bill Dickman, J. O. Ward, D. R. Givens, Charles Hupp, O. L. Schaeffer, Alex Rosler, C. A. Ripley, Cal Gulley, Sam Salsbury, Dr. M. R. Lawler, Floyd Curgello, H. T. Stotler, Packard Barton, Sam Colbert.

The first two nights of the tournament, there are many entrants who do not intend to play but buy tickets each year to help out the department. All good domino players in the town have been invited to come to the city hall Monday night and Tuesday night and substitute for these business men who do not know the game.

Wednesday Entrants — On Wednesday night, January 31, the following thirty-two entrants tangle to see "who's to blame": Steve Francis, E. Q. Farris, Noa Sisk, Fred Johnston, Dan Logan, George Buchanan, Truett Jordan, A. L. Turner, C. L. Curtis, Larry Bonner, Ned Irbey, Dick Glover, Albert Twenhacfel, C. A. Gulley, J. F. Fitzgerald, Smith Morris, Frank Markham, Gene Brown, Harry Rat-liff, Ben Golden, John Bruce, R. H. Andrews, J. R. Wade, W. W. West, Carl Blasig, J. L. Bates, Fred Bennett, Roy Powell, Henry Rickert, Hollis McCullough, Mike Bettles, W. J. Steger.

The preliminary rounds will end with the play Thursday night, the drawing of which has not been completed. However there will be eight players from each of the first four nights, matched Monday night, February 5, to determine the eight finalists who play Tuesday night to decide the championship.

Matas Honored

Medicos Will Fete Border Native

BROWNSVILLE — Dr. Rudolph Matas, native of Matamoros who has achieved international recognition as a surgeon, is to be honored by more than a thousand doctors from all over the United States.

Dr. Matas, Professor of General and Clinical Surgery, Emeritus, Tulane University, will be the honor guest of the Graduate Medical Assembly, February 26-29, in New Orleans.

Nineteen speakers, each a leader in some field of medicine, will lecture at the gathering, a combined short course and mid-winter vacation for medical men.

Mexican Movies Shown Tourists

McAllen — C. W. (Red) Moores of the Britton photo firm presented colored movies of a trip to Mexico City and surrounding country to 200 tourists at Legion Hall here: the past week.

Pictures of the Weslaco birthday party style show and colorful flow-ers of the Valley also were screened. Community singing was enjoyed later in the evening. Mrs. John Moore and Mrs. E. A. Hall played the piano for old fashioned dancing and W. T. Perry and J. Adams called the figures.

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Music Could Reduce War, Iturbi Asserts



Jose Iturbi, famed pianist, composer and conductor, said Saturday in Brownsville war would be reduced materially if Europe had a deeper appreciation of music. He will give a recital Monday at 8 p. m. in the Edinburg Junior College auditorium. He is sponsored by Cultural Arts, Inc.

By A. D. HAWKINS

BROWNSVILLE — War could be reduced materially in Europe if the people there had a better knowl-edge and appreciation of music, Jose Iturbi, famed pianist, composer and conductor, asserted Saturday.

The internationally known Spanish musician, who came to America in 1929, believes that the United States has the best music appreciation courses in the world.

He is to give a recital Monday at 8 p. m. in the Edinburg junior college auditorium, sponsored by Cultural Arts, Incorporated.

If music could be taught in Europe as in the United States, there would be a rise in the emotions and sentiments of the European people, helping to reduce strife, he explained.

Music, and its appreciation, occurs in the heart, he added.

Praises U. S. System — He scored assertions that the musical training of Europe is better than America. "It's an old story," he said. "The other place always seems to look better."

Don Iturbi pointed out that music appreciation is a part of the general education of American school children. There have been great strides made the last 20 years here.

A keen observer, Iturbi doesn't believe the European war is going to break into a major world conflict, although a series of "little" wars might ensue.

The wars, if any, will be commercial and diplomatic ones, because the nations are not prepared, he said. Aviation is the most important factor.

"In Europe they buy planes, but who's going to fly them?" he queried. "You can't improvise fliers out of thin air. What good would 20,000 pianos do you, if you couldn't play a piano?"

Flies Own Plane — A frequent visitor in the Valley, in fact he has been through Brownsville almost a dozen times within the past year, Iturbi looks more like a prize fighter than a pianist. He flies his own plane.

He took the blame for the current cold wave, because about every time he has been here bad weather occurred. En route to South America last spring he was grounded two days. "I guess I bring bad weather," he said.

The pianist doesn't frown on swing. He likes every kind of music if it's good. He doesn't believe in swinging the old master-pieces, however. That's sacrilege, and destroys the beauty of the old songs, he opined.

Iturbi travels about 140,000 miles, at a minimum, and plays about 200 concerts a year. His concert season opened October 24 in Worcester, Mass., and will close April 29 in Helena, Montana.

Upon conclusion of his U. S. concert last spring, he flew to Buenos Aires to initiate an extensive South American tour.

From Edinburg he is to hop to Philadelphia to give a recital February 2, 3 and 5, and also to make phonograph records. In his spare time, he manages to conduct the Rochester Philharmonic orchestra.

He is scheduled to appear on the Ford radio hour, Detroit, Mich., over a national network March 3, and will also appear on Bing Crosby's program later in the month, or in April. He is a popular Crosby radio guest.

The genial Don is an unassuming fellow. He still remembers the days when he slept on a Paris park bench, with only a cup of coffee in the stomach, and earlier struggles in Spain.

He loves America, and has made it his permanent home. He is happy here, admires the spirit of the nation, and finds the musical public the most responsive and intelligent in the world.

His sister, Miss Ampare Iturbi, also is a noted pianist, and frequently appears on the same concerts with him.

Iturbi suffered his greatest loss three weeks ago, however. His mother died in New York City. She was his staunchest friend, and admirer.

OLMITO HOST TO TEACHERS

1940 School Meet To Be 'Playday'

BROWNSVILLE — The Cameron county rural school meet will be a "playday" this year, P. F. Ewing, Briggs-Coleman, chairman, announced after the executive committee met at the Cameron county courthouse Saturday.

Only athletic events will be conducted. Literary schedules, carried on in the past will be abandoned this year.

The rural school meet will be held at Olmito, a week before the county interscholastic league meet, in order that rural schools also may enter the county meet if they desire.

Precedes County Meet — Rural schools have conducted their own meeting for the past four years, preceding the county meet of Interscholastic League schools.

It was decided to drop literary events because preparation for them has been felt to interfere with the regular classwork in the rural schools, Ewing said.

George W. Wentz, principal of Villa Nueva school, will be director general of the "playday" at Olmito this year. James Johnson of Santa Maria will direct the boys' baseball; E. D. Peek of Los Indios will be in charge of boys' 100-yard dashes; Raul Garza of Encantada will conduct the boys' relay races; R. T. McEwen of Olmito, boys' bar-chinning contests; P. D. Kennamer, boys' broad-jump contest; and Mrs. Jack Todd of Villa Nueva will be in charge of the boys' baseball throw.

Program Listed — Mrs. Ruth Bohannon of Las Yescas will direct the girls' baseball; girls' 100-yard dashes will be under the direction of Miss Sally Lee Box of the Hardin Ranch school; Miss Dora Lamon of Briggs-Coleman will be in charge of girls' relays; and Miss Lilia Flores of Villa Nueva will be in charge of girls' baseball throw.

The "playday" will begin with a group sing-song. Ribbons will be awarded to winning students and their schools, Ewing said.

Willacy Is Awarded Yturria Judgment

RAYMONDVILLE — Judgment returned this week in Judge George Westervelt's district court here ordering payment of \$10,294 in current and delinquent county taxes by the Yturria Land and Livestock Company and the Yturria Cattle Company. Defendants were also assessed costs.

Action was brought for taxes on the years 1935, 1936, 1937, and 1938, with a total judgment of \$15,774. Taxes for 1939 added \$3,620 to the judgment after Willacy county refused a compromise offer of \$2,300.

Edcouch Methodist Church Expansion Near Completion

EDCOUCH — Construction of additional rooms for the Sunday school of the Methodist church is progressing rapidly and with favorable weather conditions will soon be completed. The new building was made necessary by the lack of room for the various Sunday school classes.

The plan for financing this addition to the church is unique in that the board of stewards formulated a plan whereby each family who attends the church is to place three cents per day for each day of the month in a special carton bank which is furnished by the board of stewards.

Hardeman To Preach At Harlingen Series

HARLINGEN — Series of sermons by N. B. Hardeman, Henderson, Tenn., president of Hardeman Christian College, to begin at Harlingen municipal auditorium shortly, was announced here by Mrs. J. A. Farris, Edcouch.

Mrs. Farris said Hardeman is "a Bible scholar with no superior, a fluent speaker and a Christian."

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Ruled Ineligible

AUSTIN — (P) — E. J. Crofoot of Bay City, appointed by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel to the board of the Lower Colorado River Authority, is ineligible to serve in that position, Attorney General Gerald C. Mann ruled Friday.

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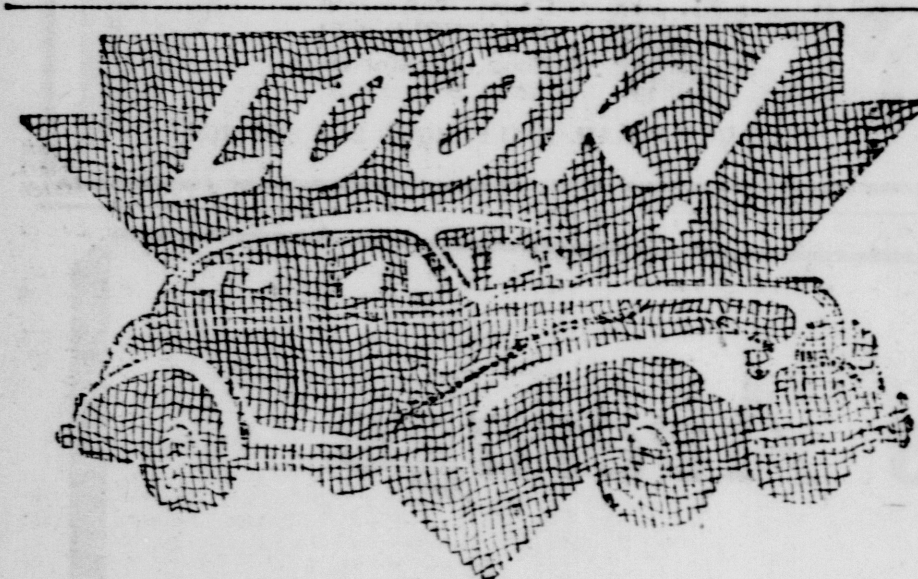
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ROMANCE

SCREEN CALENDAR

COMEDY

MARCH OF TIME

DRAMA

Current Films

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GRETA GARBO returns to the screen after an absence of almost two years to play her first ultra-modern role in the sophisticated romantic comedy "Ninotchka," with Melvyn Douglas and Ina Claire as co-stars.

Miss Garbo was never more fascinating than as a modern charmer with a sense of humor, and Douglas plays his role with debonair urbanity. Miss Claire provides lines with a brilliant performance, and a hilarious new comedy trio is introduced in Felix Bressart, Sig Rumann and Alexander Granach.

"Ninotchka," is scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen; Tuesday and Wednesday at both the State Theatre in Mercedes and the Palace Theatre in McAllen and at the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco, Thursday and Friday.

'MARCH OF TIME' DEPICTS FINNISH DEFENSE

DAILY newspaper accounts of the Finnish War are given new meaning and significance by the latest March of Time. Entitled "The Republic of Finland," this issue of the March of Time presents a timely and enlightening film story of the life and national character of the Finnish people, and contains many colorful scenes of Finnish ski troops and other military units in action.

Finland's well-armed and well-disciplined citizen army of less than half a million men. The March of Time shows it today commanded by General Karl Mannerheim, Finland's famed old military strategist who in 1918 led the armed forces of his little nation against the overwhelmingly greater troops of Soviet Russia, and thus freed his people of Communist rule.

The "March of Time" is scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville; Tuesday and Wednesday at both the Palace Theatre in McAllen and the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and at the State Theatre in Mercedes, Thursday and Friday.

JAMES STEWART STARRS IN NEW HIT

FABLED WASHINGTON, Shrine of Democracy built of the spirit of a thousand patriots, mighty Capitol whose will shapes the destinies of main streets and dynasties. Out of its treasure of mystery and intrigue, romance and adventure, diplomacy and might, the genius of Frank Capra has brought to the screen the heart of America in the great American motion picture, "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" starring James Stewart and Jean Arthur.

Stewart plays the role of a young man appointed to the Senate by a controlled governor to serve the unexpired term of an expired junior senator, and take orders from the venal senior senator who takes him from a plundering publisher.

Enamored of the Lincoln precedent, the youngster stumbles upon the truth about his appointment and is ridden down by the machine when he attempts to expose the deal. Facing expulsion, he filibusters single handedly to such persistent length that his naive earnest eloquence breaks down the powers arrayed against him.

"Mr. Smith Goes To Washington," is scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito.

HARDY FAMILY CONTINUES SCREEN ADVENTURES

THE LATEST of the "Judge Hardy Family" pictures, "Judge Hardy and Son" brings Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone and the rest of the entertaining family together for the eighth time on the screen.

In the new adventures of the famous family Mickey turns detective to help his father fight a foreclosure case; gets involved with three pretty girls with consequent trouble with his "regular" sweetheart, Ann Rutherford, turns hero to ferry Cecilia Parker across a raging flood to reach her sick mother's bedside; and inspires his father to new courage in an hour of tragedy.

"Judge Hardy and Son," is scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the State Theatre in Mercedes and at the Palace Theatre in McAllen, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

STEPHEN FOSTER'S MELODIES IN COLOR FILM

THE BELOVED and famous melodies that are America's only real folk music, and the thrilling story of the man who wrote them, come to the screen in the Technicolor screen production, "Swanee River," co-starring Don Ameche, Andrea Leeds and Al Jolson.

It is the story of Stephen C. Foster, who out of the bitter and sweet of a great love—the most beautiful thing in his stormy, exciting life—wrote the songs that set the very heart of America to music.

Foster's matchless songs: "The Old Folks at Home" (Swanee River), "Oh! Susanna!", "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home" and countless others are featured in the picture, which faithfully tells the story of his life as he actually lived it.

"Swanee River" is scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at both the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and the Palace Theatre in McAllen.

CHARLIE MCCARTHY TURNS SLEUTH

FAVORITE COMEDIAN of stage, screen and radio, Charlie McCarthy, turns master sleuth in his latest film "Charlie McCarthy, Detective," with Edgar Bergen, Mortimer Snerd (Charlie's mortal enemy), Robert Cummings, Constance Moore, Warren Hymer and Edgar Kennedy adding to the mysterious and hilarious happenings of the picture.

"Charlie McCarthy, Detective" is a murder mystery story with a double-dip portion of laughs added and Charlie (with Bergen's help) ultimately solving the maze of twisted clues and pinning the crime on the guilty person. The story is unusually sound and with the inimitable McCarthy, Bergen, Snerd combination never wants for action and laughs.

Summing the picture up one might say... "Charlie appears as a limb of the law, Mortimer is a fugitive from Scotland (Lumber) Yard and Bergen is their mouthpiece as splinters and gags fall thick and fast."

"Charlie McCarthy, Detective," is scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.



Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas in "Ninotchka," scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen; Tuesday and Wednesday at both the Palace Theatre in McAllen and the State Theatre in Mercedes and at the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco, Thursday and Friday. The featured supporting cast to Miss Garbo and Douglas in "Ninotchka," include Ina Claire and a new comedy trio of Felix Bressart, Sig Rumann and Alexander Granach.

Casts And Forecasts

FEBRUARY, the shortest month in the year is just around the corner. However, short in days, the month will be crowded in entertainment for Valley theatre-goers.

The most outstanding Valley release for February is, of course, "Gone With the Wind," which opens at the Arcadia in Harlingen, February 15. Just in case you don't know the featured cast of "Gone With the Wind" includes Clark Gable, Leslie Howard, Olivia DeHavilland and Vivien Leigh. More than three hours in length the picture is filmed in color.

ANOTHER February hit will be "Gulliver's Travels," the first full length feature cartoon since "Snow White," which is now enjoying extended runs throughout the larger cities. Still others will include "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" starring Charles Laughton; "The Fighting 69th," with James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, George Brent and Jeffery Lynn; "The Shop Around the Corner," with Margaret Sullivan and James Stewart; "Balalaika," with Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey; "Brother Rat and the Baby," with Priscilla Lane, Wayne Morris, Jane Wyman and Eddie Albert; "Congo Maie," with Ann Southern, Rita Johnson and John Carroll and last but not least, "Little Old New York," with Alice Faye, Richard Greene and Fred MacMurray.

THE ARCADIA is now filling mail orders for reserve seats to "Gone With the Wind," altho box office sales will not be opened until Thursday, February 1. All mail orders should be accompanied by check or post office money order, with return stamped envelope and a letter stating the exact day of the week and date, matinee or evening performance, for which tickets are required.

With the Harlingen engagement and all other showing throughout the state admission prices have been



Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen in "Charlie McCarthy, Detective," scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

set at 75c for matinee (except Sunday) and \$1.20 for evening performances and Sunday matinee. "Gone With the Wind" is scheduled a full-week run at the Arcadia, with two shows daily at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. All seats to be reserved for both matinee and evening.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, distributors of "Gone With the Wind," announce there will be no showing of the picture at less than road show prices, at least during 1940 and that it will be shown in its entirety both here and elsewhere throughout the country.



Above are scenes from Frank Capra's latest screen sensation "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington," scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito. The featured cast in "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" includes James Stewart, Jean Arthur, Claude Rains, and Edward Arnold.

VALLEY SCREEN CALENDAR

CAPITOL THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen in "Charlie McCarthy, Detective" with Robert Cummings. Also latest issue of the March of Time.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Paul Muni in James Hilton's "We Are Not Alone" with Jane Bryan and Una O'Connor.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell in "His Girl Friday" with Ralph Bellamy and Helen Mack.

QUEEN THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Tito Guizar in "The Llano Kid" with Gale Sondergaard.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Errol Flynn in "The Dawn Patrol" with David Niven, Basil Rathbone and Donald Crisp.
THURSDAY ONLY: The Jones Family in "Too Busy To Work" with Jed Prouty, Spring Byington and Joan Davis.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Roy Rogers and George "Gabby" Hayes in "The Days of Jesse James" with Pauline Moore.

RIVOLI THEATRE, SAN BENITO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: James Stewart and Jean Arthur in Frank Capra's "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" with Edward Arnold, Guy Kibbee and Claude Rains.
TUESDAY ONLY: Walter Pidgeon and Rita Johnson in "Nick Carter, Master Detective" with Henry Hull and Donald Meek.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Cesar Romero and Virginia Field in "The Cisco Kid and the Lady" with Marjorie Weaver.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: George Raft and Jane Bryan in "Invisible Stripes" with Humphrey Bogart and William Holden.

ARCADIA THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas in "Ninotchka" with Ina Claire.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: George Raft and Jane Bryan in "Invisible Stripes" with Humphrey Bogart and William Holden.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Charles Laughton as "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with Maureen O'Hara, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Basil Rathbone.

RIALTO THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Boris Karloff and Marjorie Reynolds in "Fatal Hour" with Grant Withers.
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Joe Penner in "The Day the Bookies Went" with Betty Grable.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Walter Pidgeon and Rita Johnson in "Nick Carter, Master Detective" with Henry Hull and Donald Meek.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: George O'Brien in "The Legion of the Lawless" with Virginia Vale.

NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS:
Mail orders are now being filled for reserve seats to "Gone With the Wind," scheduled for a full week engagement at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, starting Thursday, February 15th. Admission prices (all seats) for matinee performances daily at 2:15 P. M. will be 75c (except Sunday). Admission prices (all seats) for evening performances at 8:15 P. M. (and Sunday matinee) will be \$1.20, all prices including State and Federal taxes. Box office sale of reserve seats to open February 1st. All mail orders should be accompanied by Check or Post Office Money Order, with letter stating matinee or evening performance and exact day and date for which tickets are desired.

CAPITOL
BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY-MONDAY

WHAT A TERRIFIC TRIO!
Charlie is a limb of the law...
Mortimer a fugitive from Scotland
(Lumber) Yard and Bergen's their
mouthpiece!

Edgar Bergen • Charlie McCarthy
CHARLIE MCCARTHY DETECTIVE

MORTIMER SNERD
CONSTANCE MOORE

STARTS TUESDAY
PAUL MUNI
IN
"WE ARE NOT ALONE"
WITH
JANE BRYAN

STARTS THURSDAY
Rosalind RUSSELL
IN
"HIS GIRL FRIDAY"
WITH
CARY GRANT
RALPH BELLAMY

QUEEN
BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY-MONDAY
TITO GUIZAR
IN
"THE LLANO KID"
WITH
JANE CLAYTON

STARTS TUESDAY
ERROL FLYNN
IN
"DAWN PATROL"
WITH
BASIL RATHBONE

ARCADIA
HARLINGEN

SUNDAY-MONDAY

GARBO GOES GAY:
Comes Love! and Garbo comes
thru with a performance only a
woman in love could give.

GRETA GARBO
IN
NINOTCHKA

with INA CLAIRE
MELVYN DOUGLAS

STARTS TUESDAY
GEORGE RAFT
IN
"INVISIBLE STRIPES"
WITH
JANE BRYAN
HUMPHREY BOGART

STARTS THURSDAY
Charles LAUGHTON
IN
"THE HUNCH BACK
OF NOTRE DAME"
WITH
MAUREEN O'HARA

RIALTO
HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY
BORIS KARLOFF
IN
"THE FATAL HOUR"
WITH GRANT WITHERS
MARJORIE REYNOLDS

SUNDAY-MONDAY
ALICE FAYE
IN
"HOLLYWOOD CAVALCADE"
WITH
DON AMECHE

PALACE
MCALLEN

SUNDAY-MONDAY

FILMED IN TECHNICOLOR!
The days of minstrels and river
boats! The drama of a romance that
put America's joys and sorrows in
music.

Don Ameche • Andrea Leeds
AL JOLSON
IN
SWANEE RIVER

WITH
FELIX BESSART RICHARD CLARKE

STARTS TUESDAY
GRETA GARBO
IN
"NINOTCHKA"
WITH
MELVYN DOUGLAS
Also: "MARCH OF TIME"

STARTS THURSDAY
MICKEY ROONEY
IN
"JUDGE HARDY
AND SON"
WITH
LEWIS STONE
CECELIA PARKER

QUEEN
MCALLEN

SUNDAY ONLY
LEO CARRILLO
IN
"RIO"
WITH
SIGRID GURIE
BASIL RATHBONE

MONDAY ONLY
LUPE VELEZ
IN
"MEXICAN SPITFIRE"
WITH
DONALD WOODS

RIVOLI
SAN BENITO

SUNDAY-MONDAY

A FRANK CAPRA HIT!
Romance, drama, laughter and
heartbreak... created out of the
very heart and soul of America
... by a great director and cast!

JAMES STEWART
IN
"MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON"

with JEAN ARTHUR
EDWARD ARNOLD-CLAUDE
RAINS-GUY KIBBEE

STARTS WEDNESDAY
CESAR ROMERO
IN
"THE CISCO KID
AND THE LADY"
WITH
MARJORIE WEAVER

STARTS FRIDAY
GEORGE RAFT
IN
"INVISIBLE STRIPES"
WITH
JANE BRYAN
HUMPHREY BOGART

SWANEE RIVER
AMECHE-LEEDS-JOLSON
Photographed in TECHNICOLOR

FELIX BESSART
RICHARD CLARKE
RICK CHANDLER
RUSSELL NICKS
GEORGE NEED

"JUDGE HARDY AND SON"
LEWIS STONE
MICKEY ROONEY
CECELIA PARKER
FAY HODEN
ANN RUTHERFORD

THE WEATHER

Warmer

The Valley: Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday. Monday, partly cloudy, warmer. Gentle variable winds becoming southerly Sunday night.

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FLORIDA FACES SEVERE FREEZE TODAY

Dr. Johnson's Explanation Of Sex Case Delayed

ADVANCES TO HIS NURSES ARE CHARGED

Illness Of Prober Postpones Case

(Pictures In Adjoining Column)
AUSTIN—(P)—Dr. W. J. Johnson, aging superintendent of the state insane hospital at San Antonio, was required Saturday to wait until next week to begin presentation of his defense against charges that he made sexual advances toward women employees.

Adjournment of the sensational hearing until Monday was occasioned by the illness of Frank Davis, one of three members of the board of control, which is conducting it. Harry Knox, Jr., board chairman, said the inquiry would be resumed Monday even if Davis is unable to attend.

Case Draws Many
The senate chamber has been filled for each session since the start of testimony Thursday. Saturday's disappointment was the second for the crowd. Proceedings Friday morning were cut short at the request of counsel for Dr. Johnson.

Direct testimony against the married, 56-year-old hospital head was completed last Friday. Seven young women, some barely out of their teens, accused the bald physician of fondling them and discussing sexual subjects with them.

Dr. Johnson, who will testify probably Monday, claims the charges are baseless and that there is a conspiracy to remove him as hospital superintendent.

The board of control membership changed January 1 with Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's selection of Knox to a vacancy. Davis also is an appointee of O'Daniel but the governor has disclaimed any responsibility for actions of that or any other board.

"Beautiful Thing"
One former nurse at the hospital testified the superintendent had told her in effect that "if a girl did not have sexual relations she would be missing one of the most beautiful things in life." Another said the physician suggested she rent a room, not in her own name, "and he would pay for it."

A third former employee said that on several occasions when she went to Dr. Johnson's office to seek employment, the physician held her close, kissed her and attempted to make other advances. The rest of the witnesses recounted alleged occurrences of a similar nature. All said they resisted the superintendent's advances.

Attorneys for the superintendent sought to show that all the witnesses bore ill feeling toward him and wanted him removed from his position.

CIO Vice President Ensors Roosevelt

NEW YORK—(P)—Sidney Hillman, vice president of the CIO and head of the powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, gave his unqualified endorsement to President Roosevelt Saturday and thereby took a stand in open opposition to his chief, CIO President John L. Lewis.

Texas Post Officer Heads Ninth Corps

SAN ANTONIO—(P)—Army officials at Fort Sam Houston confirmed Saturday that Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the second division, has been appointed to command the Ninth Army Corps, which will be organized for extensive army maneuvers in the south about April.

Finds \$100,000

Texan Digs Up Gold Near Odessa

ODESSA, Tex.—(P)—Riley Smith, tourist camp operator, said Saturday night he and a partner had located \$100,000 in buried \$10 and \$20 gold pieces within 15 miles of here. Earlier Smith sent a telegram to U. S. Attorney Clyde Eastus at Dallas saying, "shall we bring in \$100,000 in buried treasure in \$20 gold pieces, or will you come and get it?"

He would not elaborate other than to say he and his partner, L. E. Smith, could "go right to" the treasure.

TELLS ADVANCES



Lucy Robinson of San Antonio, 20, testified before the State Board of Control that Dr. W. J. Johnson, superintendent of the San Antonio State Hospital for the Insane, had made improper advances toward her while applying for a job.

BROWNSVILLE PIONEER DIES

Mrs. Fairbanks, 63, Is Widely Known

BROWNSVILLE—Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Margaret McAllen Fairbanks, 63, well-known pioneer resident of Brownsville and the Valley. Mrs. Fairbanks died at 9 a. m. Saturday at her Brownsville home, after a lengthy illness.

Services Sunday
Services will be at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Sunday at 4 p. m. Rev. Thomas W. Hirst, Episcopal minister, will be in charge. Interment will be at Buena Vista cemetery, under the direction of Hinkley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fairbanks was born Margaret Elizabeth Rohde, March 29, 1876, at Galveston. She came to Brownsville at the age of five, and has made her home here since. She was married to James B. McAllen in 1903. Four children were born of the union, all now surviving. Mr. McAllen died in 1917.

In 1919 she was married to Dr. G. D. Fairbanks of Brownsville, who survives her.

Survivors Listed
Surviving besides the husband, Mrs. Fairbanks' children are two daughters, Mrs. Pedro A. Chapa of Mexico City, who arrived in Brownsville shortly before her mother's death, and Mrs. William Scanlon of Brownsville; and two sons, Eldred E. and Argyle A. McAllen, both of whom reside on the McAllen ranch near Linn in Hidalgo county.

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Rumania To Ask Aid Of Entente Nations

BUDAPEST—(P)—Rumania, high authorities said Saturday night, will ask her Balkan entente partners—Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia—to promise her military support in case of attack by either Germany or Russia. Otherwise the Rumanian government was understood to have indicated it would be forced to seek an agreement with Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin.

Hitler Cracks Down Again Propaganda

BERLIN—(P)—The government intensified its war against propaganda calculated to undermine German morale by admonishing law enforcement agencies Saturday to deal severely with all caught listening to foreign broadcasts in defiance of a wartime decree.

CHARRO DAYS OPENS WEEK OF FESTIVITY

Sunday Events Start Full Program

Other Charro Day stories and pictures will be found on pages 2, 6, 7, 8, and 10.

BROWNSVILLE—This Texas-Mexican border city will throw cares to the wind Sunday, forget business and cold weather, let out its beard and launch upon a week of gaiety, dance, music and general festivity that goes under the name of Charro Days.

The first proper is not scheduled to get under way until Thursday, February 1.

Pre-Charro Events
But there are so many pre-Charro events on the card that from Sunday afternoon on until the sun sets the following Sunday, Charro Days will be in the air, the people will be out in costume, and the celebrating will be on.

In fact, visitors to Brownsville for the annual fiesta were arriving before the end of this week, and those who are to take part in its various events were coming ahead of time. Race drivers were beginning to arrive with their motors and boats, in preparation for the speedboat regatta, rodeo performers were dropping in to town, and many others were on hand.

This will be the third annual Charro Days Fiesta in Brownsville. The fiesta was started in 1938 and immediately captured the fancy of people in the state. And last year thousands crowded into Brownsville to see it, and to take part in it.

The fiesta has part of its wide appeal in the fact that most visitors buy at least a Mexican hat, fancy themselves in costume, and immediately become a part of the show. Sunday's event will be the promenade and "Dance of the Fleas" at the patio of the El Jardin hotel, which event is a sort of advance showing of costumes, staged partly so everybody can take pictures of everybody else.

Then events follow in rapid order. The Royal Court of the Brush opens a session whenever there is a threat of things lagging a bit. The Court of the Brush will challenge the freedom of the press when it calls up local newspaper editors Tuesday to give cause why they should not be fined for printing too much about the cold wave.

The first costume ball on the calendar will be held Saturday night.

Requirement Change Urged On Navy Bids

WASHINGTON—(P)—Secretary Edison urged Saturday that Congress alter the present requirement that navy contracts go to the lowest bidder, a restriction which he said was adding "untold millions" to the cost of new warships.

Secretary Reports Income Payments Up

WASHINGTON—(P)—Secretary Hopkins announced Saturday that income payments to individuals last year totaled \$69,683,000, a gain of \$3,412,000,000 over 1938.

4 Hours Long!

'Gone With Wind' Data Announced

HARLINGEN—"Gone With Wind," opening a week's engagement Thursday, February 15, at the Arcadia here, will be seen in its entirety just as at its world premiere in Atlanta. Manager Jack King said Saturday.

He added there would be no other showings in the Valley or in Texas at less than road show prices until 1941. Prices to be charged at the two daily shows here will be \$1.20 for evening performances and 75 cents for matinees, except Sunday, when the \$1.20 price will be charged both afternoon and night. Seats will be reserved for all performances, with ticket sales opening Feb. 1.

The picture runs almost four hours, and should be seen only from the beginning, Mr. King said. Performances will begin at 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

EL PASO POLICE ARE SAVED FROM MAJOR SACRIFICE

EL PASO, Tex.—(P)—El Paso's policemen, who volunteered to a man to attend a "girlie" show and watch for obscene acts, will not be required to make the sacrifice after all.

The show, following official protest against the "disgraceful" nature of advance publicity, detoured around El Paso Saturday and ticket sellers were refunding money from advance sales.

Police Chief Robey called for volunteers to attend the show as censors, but the response was so great he announced the men would draw lots to see who attended.

'NAZIS WEAKER THAN GERMAN NATION OF '14'

Churchill Says Allies Far Stronger

MANCHESTER, England—(P)—Winston Churchill Saturday praised Nazi Germany as a weaker foe than the Imperial Germany of 1914 while the Allies "are far ahead of where we were at this time in the other war."

But he cautioned the British in an address on the progress of the conflict against any relaxation, declaring instead "it is to dare and endure."

To Nazi assertions that Britain's convoy system was ineffective, Churchill replied that "out of nearly 7,500 ships conveyed to and from this island only 15 have been lost." He said half of Germany's submarines had been destroyed and new building had fallen far short of what we originally estimated.

He charged Germany with "shameful records" in the conquests of Czechoslovakia and Poland, from which he said "we can judge what our own fate would be should we fall into her clutches."

70,000 REDS ROUTED; FINNS CAPTURE ARMS

HELSINKI—(P)—The beaten fragments of four Soviet divisions, once 70,000 strong, were reported by Finnish couriers Saturday night to be scattered in headlong flight, leaving the snows and ice-clocked lakes and rivers with thousands of dead and wounded.

The casualties and heaps of abandoned war materials were the price paid in a futile endeavor to outflank the Mannerheim line, to cut behind it by encircling the frozen shores of Lake Ladoga.

When the whole story is told, the Finns said, it will show the worst disaster of the Russian invasion.

Methodist Minister Dies In Auto Crash

CLOVIS, N. M.—(P)—A. M. Dupee, 51, former Methodist minister of Lubbock, Texas, was fatally injured near Lariat, Texas, late Saturday when an approaching car he attempted to flag down struck the door of his car and hurled him to the side of the highway.

Churches Plan Aid For Paralysis Fund

HARLINGEN—Texas churches will observe January 28, Infantile Paralysis Church Sunday, as sequel to the nation-wide President's Birthday Ball series, with appeals for funds to be made from the pulpits. Many pastors were scheduled to take as their sermon subjects the need for aid to crippled and maimed children. Virtually all denominations have endorsed the National Infantile Paralysis Campaign.

Dad, 107, Whips Son, 77

Defeats Plan To Take \$77,000 Estate Fund

PORTLAND, Ore.—(P)—The troubles of 107-year-old John Nelson Ridgley with his oldest boy, a striping of 77, over a \$77,000 estate were settled in court Saturday.

The son, William S. Ridgley, petitioned to be appointed guardian of his father, who inherited the estate from his daughter, Fidelity senior protested his son

VALLEY FAIR WILL EXTEND RUN TWO DAYS

Sunday Program To Be Best Yet

Related stories, pictures and award lists will be found on pages 2, 7, 8, 10 and 11.

HARLINGEN—The 18th Annual Valley Mid-Winter Fair will swing into its fifth day Sunday with a full program on deck for visitors. Fair officials decided Saturday to extend the fair through Monday and Tuesday due to inclement weather which cut attendance on the first few days. Full program will be arranged for Monday and Tuesday in addition to Sunday.

Opens At 8 A. M.
Entrance gates and main exhibits will open at 8 a. m. Sunday. Sidney Kring, fair manager said Saturday night.

The state championship Weslaco High School band will play a free concert in the auditorium at 3:30 p. m.

The 80-piece band under direction of William Krandelot will give an hour's concert according to information Saturday night. This band participated in the opening day parade and drew much favorable comment.

Miss Lillie Stote, Mississippi rain-maker, will take up her sitting on the irrigation canal bank at 1 p. m. and promises a general Valley rain.

Bill Hames Carnival will open up at 1 p. m. with shows for all. The monkey show with the carnival has been drawing considerable comment and a free Big Bertha elephant act is offered twice daily on the midway.

All exhibits, including the home demonstration and 4-H girls are to be removed Wednesday morning, Sidney Kring said Saturday.

Big Crowd Boos
"The Drunkard's Daughter," a comedy play, presented by the Valley Theatre Group, was presented for the second and final time in the auditorium Saturday night.

A large and enthusiastic audience cheered and "booed" the characters during the performance.

Midgut auto races held away during the afternoon and will be staged again Sunday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons, Pete McNamee, general manager and starter, said Saturday night.

Johnny Herbert, mounted on Dorothy Herbert's world-famous dancing and jumping horses, gave exhibitions at 5:30 and 9 p. m. Saturday on the tractor midway and is booked for the same time Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

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Head Urges Forcing Czechs To Aid Reich

PRAGUE—(P)—Karl Hermann Frank, protectorate secretary of state and Schultz Staffel leader, Saturday night told a vast meeting of the Nazi black shirts that it was their duty to force Czechs, if necessary, to "help toward the victory of the Reich."

Casualties In Wreck Are Worst Possible

HOUSTON—(P)—Mrs. P. J. Maxwell was enroute to work in her auto Saturday morning when a railroad switch engine struck her car and rolled it 100 feet. Train crewmen jumped to the rescue. Mrs. Maxwell stepped from the wreckage, the sole damage to her being a rolled shoe a run in her stocking.

OIL WORKER SHOT
ODESSA, Tex.—(P)—Paul Wade Braddy, 24, oil worker, was found shot to death in a tourist cabin here Saturday.

Sunday Fair Program

Today's Biggest Of All Programs For Fair

Valley Mid-Winter Fair
8 a. m.—Gates and exhibits open.
1 p. m.—Bill Hames Carnival opens. Miss Lillie Stote, Mississippi rain-maker, takes her seat on the irrigation canal bank to bring rain.
1:30 p. m.—The "Adams Musical Family" will give a free concert in the auditorium.
2:30 p. m.—Midgut auto races will start in front of the grandstand. Sixteen crack drivers will risk their lives for first place money in eight feature races.
3:30 p. m.—The State Championship Weslaco High School band will give a free concert in the auditorium. This 80-piece group is under direction of William Krandelot.
5:00 p. m.—Free Big Bertha elephant act on the carnival midway.
5:30 p. m.—Johnny Herbert, mounted on Dorothy Herbert's horses, will give a free horse act on the tractor midway.
6 p. m.—Bill Hames Carnival. Exhibits all open.
9:30 p. m.—Johnny Herbert's horse act. Free attraction on the tractor midway.

Mystery Murderer?

2 Weslaco Killings Suspiciously Similar; Same Murderer May Be Behind Both

WESLACO—Suspiciously similar in many respects, two mysterious deaths occurring here recently still puzzled investigating officers Saturday.

Carlos Castro, 45-year-old Weslaco carpenter, who died of blows which crushed his skull, and T. W. Adamson, 69, of Brownsville, who had been working in Weslaco, and who died of what appeared to be a terrific beating here, are the two victims of what may have been murderous assaults.

Officers are asking themselves this question: "Did the same man or men assault both Castro and Adamson?"

Strangely Similar
Castro, who died in an Edinburg hospital January 11, without revealing the source of the blows he received early on the morning of January 8, and Adamson, who regained consciousness before his death January 23 in a Madison hospital, long enough to murmur that "three men beat me up," were both in the building business, Adamson being a building contractor and Castro a carpenter. Both incidents happened in Weslaco; both happened this month; both bear the aspect of possible murder; both men apparently were beaten.

Officers considered two possible sources of the blows fatal to Castro. They surmised that he might have been struck by an automobile while

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COURT 'RESTS' AFTER TRIAL

Hidalgo Relaxes As Montague Freed

EDINBURG—Both the prosecution and the defense "rested" here Saturday, literally speaking.

The most dramatic criminal trial in the county's contemporary history was at an end, and the courthouse in which a buzz of excitement had continued for 11 unbroken days while the state charges of murder against Dr. L. J. Montague, prominent Edinburg physician, were being heard joined in a subsiding sigh.

Dr. Montague was acquitted in the death of his wife, Velma, by a jury which required only one ballot and 11 minutes' time in which to reach its decision Friday night.

District Attorney Tom Hartley, who headed the state's prosecution, said simply: "It's all over. We did our best." He had word of commendation for the jury despite the acquittal, and recognized that he and his staff faced one of the most potent batteries of defense attorneys ever to represent one side in a trial here. Lieutenant Governor Coke Stevenson of Junction served as counsel defending Dr. Montague.

Since the state has no appeal from such a verdict, legal action in the case is at an end.

Reciprocal Program Favors Working Man

WASHINGTON—(P)—A labor department spokesman told Congress Saturday that the converted reciprocal trade agreements program had created many more jobs in this country than it could conceivably have displaced, and had operated "very much in favor of the American workman."

CHILD LAW HIT

AUSTIN—(P)—The Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers is mapping plans to ask ratification of the child labor amendment by the Texas legislature next year.

VALLEY GETS WARMER SAYS NEW FORECAST

Florida Crop Toll May Up Prices

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(P)—Emergency Sunday picking and packing operations were ordered through most of the Florida citrus belt Saturday night at the lowest temperatures of a cold spell of record duration were forecast for Sunday throughout the state. Damage to citrus and vegetable crops was already heavy in some sections from this morning's sub-freezing onslaught and the frost warning service at Lakeland said temperatures would be from one to six degrees lower Sunday morning.

E. S. Ellison, meteorologist in charge of the Lakeland weather bureau, said there probably would be considerable frozen fruit Sunday morning and some tree damage.

HARLINGEN—Warmer weather is forecast for the Valley Sunday, but citrus and vegetable men in Florida and truck crop growers throughout the south still worried as the record cold wave not only continues, but gets worse.

Crop damage has been high and if temperatures drop as low Sunday morning as predicted, a major portion will be wiped out, bringing record prices for the Valley, which so far has found citrus and vegetable damage not as high as first feared.

Florida citrus and vegetable growers, their crops already damaged by severe cold, kept smudge fires burning Saturday night as the weather bureau predicted another onslaught of freezing temperatures, said the Associated Press.

Prepare For Worst
Growers, reporting their losses so far as spotted and not general, prepared for the worst with smudge pots, big stacks of wood and other means of heating to save their crops and valuable trees.

Weather colder by from one to six degrees than Saturday morning's lows was forecast for Sunday morning.

Extreme below freezing were predicted for most sections of the state, including the rich mucklands around the Everglades and the Redlands district south of sub-tropical Miami. Relief was promised Sunday with slowly rising temperatures. "Much warmer" was forecast for Monday.

In peninsular Florida, temperatures ranging from 10 to 22 in the extreme north, 22 to 26 in the central section and 27 to 28 in the southern portion were forecast. In the northwest Florida it was expected to slide as low as seven to 12 above in the interior.

Damage Unknown
No official or even semi-official estimate of citrus damage was available. Growers said much depended on weather the next few days.

At Winter Haven in the rich Polk citrus belt, unofficial damage estimates were

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Report Subs Near America Discounted

WASHINGTON—(P)—The White House said Saturday, in response to inquiries, that reports of German submarines operating off the coast of South America and within the 300-mile American neutrality zone lacked confirmation in official Washington quarters.

Pay Poll Tax

Sadler Warns Texans Of Tax Threats

(For Valley Tax Payments, See Page 2)

SAN ANTONIO—(P)—Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler, rumored a probable candidate for governor, Saturday night urged Texans to pay their poll tax because "1940 offers us a glorious opportunity to weed out the unnecessary and superfluous in our political and economic life."

Outspoken critic of Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel and the sales tax that failed in the last legislature, Sadler told Texans the move was on the part of the "rich, powerful, the selfish and the unprincipled to dump into the milk bottle of your baby and the flour bin of your kitchen, the most abominable and disgraceful sales tax ever proposed to a free people."

The address predicted the same group with the same political ideas would be back this summer and the answer to the sales tax would lie with the voters—those who paid their poll tax before midnight Wednesday.

Only Three Days Left In Which To Obtain Voting Right

CAMERON SET FOR PUSH AT LAST MINUTE

Agar Estimates 9000 More To Buy

BROWNSVILLE—Three days remain in which to pay 1940 poll tax. At Brownsville the courthouse office and at Harlingen the branch office will be open Wednesday night until midnight to accommodate the expected last-minute rush. Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector Ralph T. Agar said Saturday. Only 3,228 poll tax receipts have been issued since they became payable October 1, and an estimated 350 new exemptions, deputies in his office reported. Deadline is midnight January 31.

Mr. Agar now estimates a maximum of 9,000 poll receipts will be issued in Cameron county. His first estimate of 16,000 has been reduced since early payments of poll taxes were so few.

Big Rush Foreseen His office will be hard put to issue the balance of the estimated 9,000 in the three days remaining. Poll tax payers "will be standing in line the last days," he said. Around the courthouse county officials recalled previous years when long lines of poll tax payers formed in the tax collector's office, and backed far out into the halls.

With national, state and county elections up this year, it is expected more persons will pay their poll tax than last year, when 7,415 paid. There were 1,787 old and new exemptions in 1937.

Method Outlined The form authorizing an agent must be certified before a notary public by the person for whom the poll tax receipt is intended, Mr. Agar said.

Restrictions on the issuance of poll tax receipts to authorized agents have been under fire in the Valley. Mr. Agar said Saturday he has required all forms authorizing agents to be filled out properly and signed before a notary.

Can Be Cancelled Later if any questions arise as to the validity of the poll taxes paid by agents, the receipts can be cancelled on the poll tax books and the election judges notified, he said.

He has conferred with County Attorney Jack Wiech as to the proper steps to require in the case of poll tax payments by agents.

Charro Days Open Sunday

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ender is the Buccaneer Ball, to be held Monday evening. A Mexican supper is to be held Tuesday night, and a style show at which costumes will be shown, is scheduled for Wednesday night. Another dance, by the Triple L Club, is to be held Wednesday night at the Country Club.

The Fiesta proper then opens Thursday, the two big events of the da y being the Promenade and the Grand Costume Ball. The costume ball has been one of the outstanding events of the Charro Days since it was started, and attracts a huge gathering of people in brilliant costumes.

Other entertainment the opening day includes an art exhibit, a junior grand ball, window displays, and "Bita of Old Mexico." The latter is a typical Mexican village which has been constructed for the event.

Thatched huts with palm-leaf roofs have been erected, and the visitors will be able to buy any kind of Mexican food. Many entertainment events, including Mexican games, are arranged in this interesting feature of Charro Days. It will be open throughout Charro Week.

The Grand Parade will take place February 2, and is probably the outstanding event of the entire show. The floats in Charro Days are all horse-drawn, another departure from the conventional float idea.

The big parade will be repeated Friday night, the night parade on the past having proved even more spectacular than the daytime event. The International Rodeo will be held Friday afternoon and evening, and again Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's program includes the children's parade, which proves a particularly popular event with 10,000 youngsters marching, all in costume.

The rodeo in the afternoon and night parade in the evening will be topped off by the costume street dance billed as the world's largest costume ball, and the regatta ball at the El Jardin Hotel.

Charro Days will come to an end Sunday with considerable activity in Matamoros, and the speedboat regatta in Brownsville.

Townsend Fish Fry Is Again Postponed

PORT ISABEL—For the second time in as many weeks, the cold wave has postponed the Valley-wide Townsend fish fry scheduled here.

James C. Bunting, president of the Port Isabel Townsend club, announced Friday that the Sunday fish fry to have been sponsored by the club, has been postponed indefinitely.

Weslaco's Championship Band At Fair



Here is Weslaco's proudest contribution to the Valley Mid-Winter Fair, the Weslaco high school band. This fine, 81-piece championship organization has won numerous honors in band competition during the past several years, and Sunday afternoon will be featured in concert to be given in the Harlingen municipal auditorium. William Krauledat is director of the band.

STATE CHAMP BAND CONCERT

Weslaco Unit Plays At Fair Today

HARLINGEN—Weslaco's champion high school band, directed by William Krauledat, will be presented in concert at 3:30 p. m. this Sunday at the municipal auditorium as a feature of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair.

The 81-piece band, which took part in the Parade of States, opening feature of the Fair, and made a hit with the big crowd viewing the event, has won many championships in school band competition during the past several years, and are certain to provide a treat Sunday afternoon for the many who attend the concert.

Student officers of the musical organization include Howard Lombard, president; Joseph Schoen, vice president; Alyn Holman, secretary; Katie Rogers, drum major; Billy Lee and Bruce Edwards, assistant conductors; Margaret Ann Mitchell, girls representative, and Carson Hoge, boys representative.

Sunday's concert program will include: Texas Plains, by Casseday; Minnie Veen, by Wood; Valse Lente and Pizzicato Polka, by Delibes; Carry Me Back to Old Virginia, by Guy; Grieg, by Yoder; God Bless America, by Berlin; Niobe, by De Robertis; Down South, by Myddleton; Serenade Espagnole, by Bizet; Victor Herbert favorites; and Stars and Stripes Forever, by Sousa.

Norris Would Back Wheeler For Chief

WASHINGTON—(P)—Senator Norris of Nebraska, independent ally of President Roosevelt, said Saturday that he would support Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) for the presidency if Wheeler obtained the Democratic nomination.

ALLOWABLES PROTEST DALLAS—(P)—H. P. Nichols, executive vice-president of the East Texas Oil Association, said Saturday East Texans would meet here next Friday to protest East Texas oil allowances and shutdowns.

STOLEN GADGET UPS PHYSICIAN'S BLOOD PRESSURE

HARLINGEN—Police and Dr. N. A. Davidson Saturday night speculated on the efferency of a thief who took the physician's medical bag from his car in front of the house at 301 West Buchanan about 7 p. m.

The speculation centered on what the thief would do with the blood pressure instrument, since the doctor was registering the highest blood pressure in town. Police said they had no leads.

Cameron Valuations Cut To Be Asked

BROWNSVILLE—Ralph T. Agar, Cameron county tax assessor-collector, said Saturday he will recommend to county commissioners a reduction of 25 per cent in valuations on the county's real estate, on acreage and on city lots, not on improvements—for 1940.

Such a reduction would cut the county's total valuations about \$3,000,000, to approximately \$2,250,000, he estimated.

At the same time he pointed out "a reduction in values will only result in an increase in tax rates, as all districts are compelled to service their bonds."

"I doubt seriously whether an increase in personal property assessments could be made to offset the reduction without seriously affecting the collection of tax on the personal property," he said.

A reduction of the valuation on real estate he considers necessary to assess the property at its cash market value, which he recommends for both real and personal property, "and I am requesting the taxpayers to render their property that way."

Mr. Agar recommends also that tax suits be filed against all disinterested taxpayers. "By disinterested I mean those who have not interviewed me, paid their current tax and made satisfactory arrangement to pay their delinquent tax."

He suggests that where delinquent tax exceeds the present value of property, the tax be re-assessed "where reason may be found for so doing."

"We have found that in tax sales held so far," he said, "it has been necessary for some tax district to buy in the property, no individual bids being offered, and this in all probability will result in less revenue than would be received under a reassessment."

Two Valley Deaths Same

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walking toward Weslaco from a beer parlor between Donna and Weslaco, or that he might have been beaten. Before he died, he muttered a few words about a "tourist court." The officers, which included Weslaco police, the Hidalgo county sheriff's office and the district attorney's office, revealed blood-stained rags had been found in a highway ditch about three-quarters of a mile from Weslaco.

Adamson was found early on the morning of January 22, unconscious on the floor of his room—locked from the inside. At first officers believed the man had suffered a stroke, but examination of his body (following his whispered words about being beaten) showed it to be a welter of cuts and bruises. The Adamson death is being investigated by Weslaco police, the Hidalgo county sheriff's department, the district attorney's office, and by Texas Rangers, who were sent here at request of Lee Adamson of Brownsville, son of the second victim, who has demanded thorough investigation of how his father died.

Burn Victim Dies

Last Rites Held At Edinburg Church

EDINBURG—Aneta Paroida, 15, died at 4 p. m. Friday from burns suffered when the gasoline she was using to light a fire exploded and burned 90 per cent of her body.

Death occurred at County-City Hospital, four hours after the explosion at the home of her parents. Funeral services were held at the Edinburg Catholic Church Saturday morning. Surviving are her parents.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Kreidler Funeral Home.

DEATH IS SUICIDE

HOUSTON, Tex.—(P)—A verdict of suicide was returned by Justice Ben Moorhead in the death of W. F. Hancock, about 50, who was found shot to death Saturday in a hotel room here.

AUCTION AT FAIR TURNS 275 CATTLE

4-H And FFA Boys Get \$4800 For Work

(See Picture At Bottom Of Page) HARLINGEN—Approximately 275 head of cattle ran through the auction ring at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair grounds Saturday morning and afternoon and a rough estimate by fair officials late Saturday night showed that approximately \$17,000 had been taken in sales.

Forty-two head of the 4-H boys' and FFA boys' calves brought approximately \$4800.

More than 225 head of feeder cattle were sold, bringing over \$12,000. Results of the 4-H and FFA division of the cattle sale were: Owner, buyer, price and purchaser listed in order.

Top baby beef owned by Aron and Harold Reynolds of McAllen was bought by the Southwestern Packing Company for the First National Bank of Harlingen for 20 cents per pound.

Aron and Harold Reynolds bought by Woods Cattle Co. for First National Bank of Brownsville for 15.5 cents per pound.

Billy Babe of La Blanca bought by Southwestern Packing Company for 13.25 cents per pound.

Jimmy Lowe, Raymondville, bought for Oklahoma Grocery, Raymondville, for 15.00 cents per pound.

Ross Johnson, Sebastian, bought by Alice Livestock Commission Company for 12.50 cents per pound.

Jimmy Lowe, bought by South Texas Cotton Oil Company for 13 cents.

Jimmy Lowe, bought by Brenner's Market, Raymondville, for 17.75 cents per pound by Southwestern Packing Company.

Jimmy Lowe, bought by Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel, Harlingen, for 12 cents by Southwestern Packing Company.

Jimmy Lowe, bought for Piggly Wiggly, Raymondville, for 15.50 cents by Henry Carlie.

Kenneth Morrow, Lyford, bought for Sherman Grocery, Harlingen, for 15.25 cents by Henry Carlie.

Kenneth Morrow, bought for Piggly Wiggly, Harlingen, for 12.75 cents by Henry Carlie.

Ross Johnson, Sebastian, bought for Haumann Packing Company, Brownsville, for 13 cents.

Aron and Harold Reynolds, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 12.50 cents.

Eugene Parks, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 12.50 cents.

Ross Johnson, Sebastian, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 10.50 cents.

Ross Johnson, Sebastian, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 11.75 cents.

Alvin Roberts, bought for McClendon's Grocery, Williams, Sebastian, bought for Harlingen Cotton Oil Mill for 11.75 cents.

Alvin Roberts, bought for Albert Sebastian, Medford, for 11.75 cents.

Kenneth Morrow, bought for Piggly Wiggly, Harlingen, for 11.25 cents by Henry Carlie.

Florida Freeze Expected To Damage Fruit Today

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There was heavy citrus damage, as much as 80 per cent in some spots. Southerners generally took courage from forecasts of easing temperatures as they fought to resume routine existence interrupted earlier in the week by the most severe cold wave in many years.

Sub-zero readings were reported in some sections again Saturday—Tupelo, Miss., setting a new record for that state with 14 below—but for the south as a whole the weather men said moderation was in sight. At Blairsville, Ga., an official reading of 17 below was reported, a new record for Georgia.

"Business rocks along merrily in Minneapolis, Montreal and Milwaukee," the Atlanta Journal reminded its readers in a full page advertisement. "If their weather's to be moved down here, it looks like we can do business too."

Smudge pots in Florida citrus groves were augmented by airplanes chartered to keep the air stirred up over the rich vegetable belt.

POPULATION SHIFT IS SEEN

Rural Housing May Change Picture

SANTA ROSA—Development of rural housing projects with long time loan assistance from the United States Housing Administration might have a tendency to increase the rural population in such areas as the Rio Grande Valley, it was indicated in a preliminary survey in Santa Rosa this week.

It was anticipated that such a program would be likely to attract population from larger cities and it was held sure to cause residents of small towns in this district to seek homes in the country if such a program can be worked out.

C. J. Zahl, temporary secretary of an organization formed here during the week to work out plans for co-operating with the Brownsville Housing Authority and Cameron County officials has asked Mrs. Volney W. Taylor, chairman of the Brownsville Authority, to ascertain if it will be possible for town residents to acquire small acreage sites and take advantage of the rural housing loans when the law is enacted.

Other members of the temporary committee organized here are W. P. Colmont, chairman; John Stoats, branch chairman; H. M. Little and W. D. Branch. Permanent organization will be effected at a meeting to be held next Tuesday night and at the same time a more accurate survey will be made to determine the number of families in this community who would seek to benefit from a rural housing project.

Valley Fair Is Extended

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day and Tuesday. Dorothy Herbert, originally slated to ride the horses, was injured while executing a blindfolded fire jump Wednesday night and Johnny took over for the remainder of the fair.

The "Adams Musical Family," which drew a large crowd Saturday afternoon will be presented at 1:30 p. m. in the auditorium. They will offer a free concert.

The big livestock auction sale was held Saturday morning and afternoon at the cattle barns and brought in over \$17,000, fair officials said Saturday night.

The model airplane contests will be held in front of the grandstand immediately after the midget auto races Sunday afternoon.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate several thousand automobiles parking inside the fairgrounds during the remainder of the fair, at both gates. Sidney Kring, fair manager, said late Saturday night.

Fair Manager Sidney Kring said at midnight Saturday that approximately 12,000 persons entered the gates at the Fair Saturday. All children were admitted free of charge.

HIDALGO POLL TAX PAYMENTS SPURT UPWARD

Collector Sells 500 Permits Daily

EDINBURG—Poll tax payments began rolling in by the hundreds in Hidalgo County Tax Collector Clay Everhard's office here Saturday.

The collector estimated issuance of poll tax receipts had passed the 300 mark daily for the last half of the week, and that they would exceed that figure each day until the deadline, next Wednesday.

"It is safe to say," he declared, "that Hidalgo will have a large list of eligible voters this year, from the way people are coming in to the office here and applying to agents at other points over the country."

Collector Everhard estimated that the 8,000 mark had been passed on poll taxes Saturday. No accurate count was available because of the rush at the office.

BURNS PROVE FATAL

FRANKSTON, Tex.—(P)—Mrs. R. S. Tanner, 72, died Saturday of burns received Friday when her clothing caught fire.

To The Voters Of Cameron County



I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many of you who have written me congratulating me on my announcement as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Cameron County, and expressing your confidence in, and your support of me.

I have been asked by some why I announced so early and to that question my answer is this, not being a seasoned campaigner and having no trades to make with anyone, I therefore put my name before you for your investigation of me.

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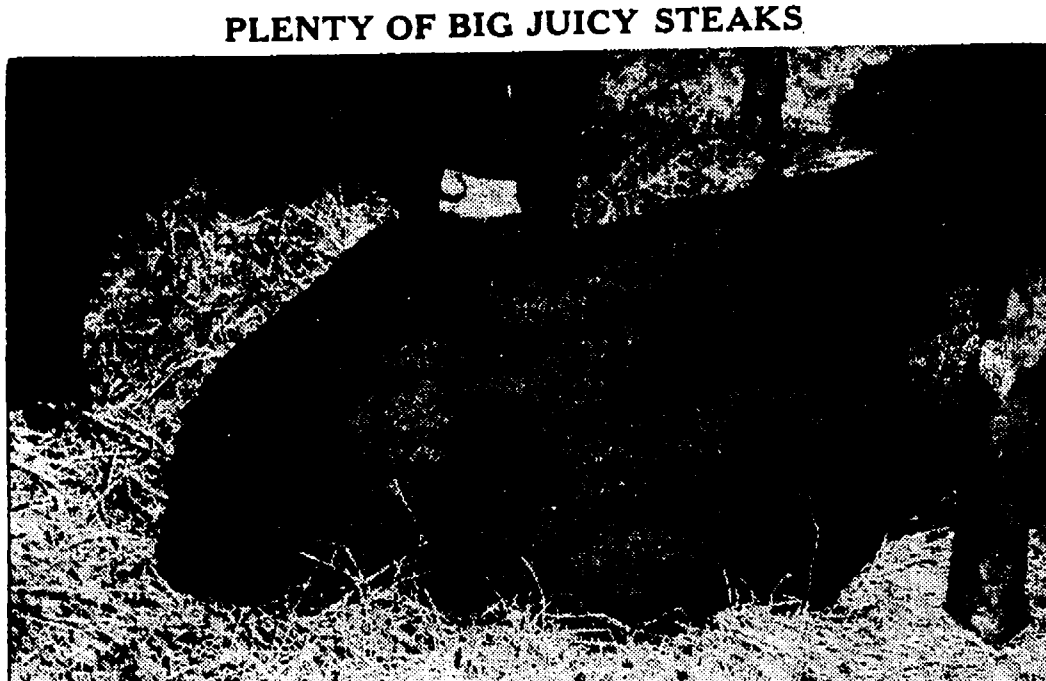
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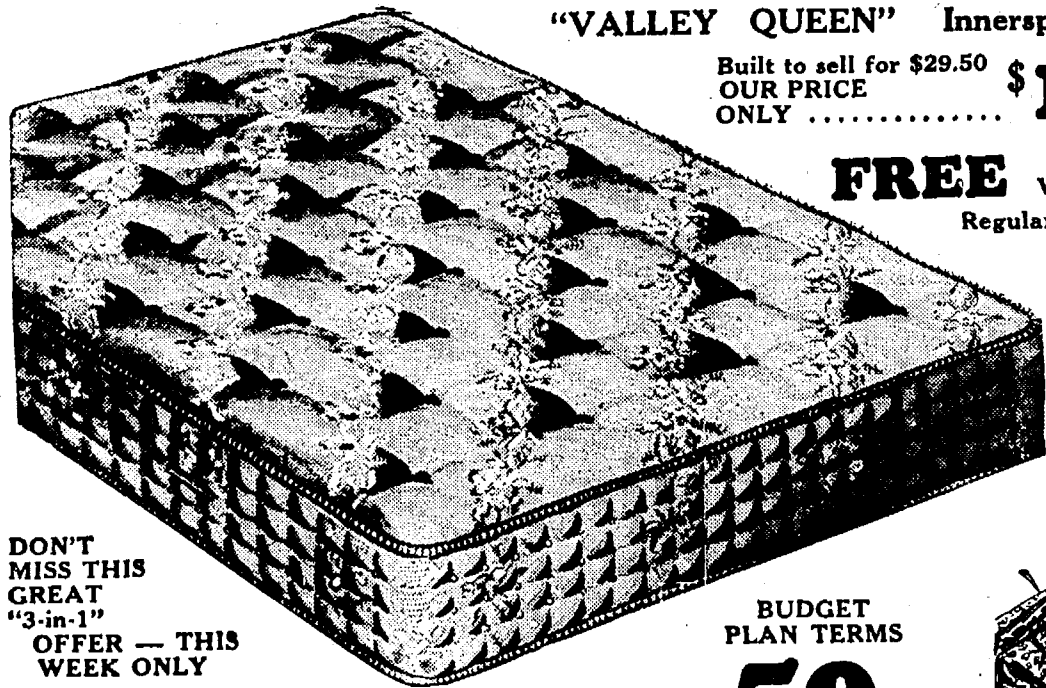
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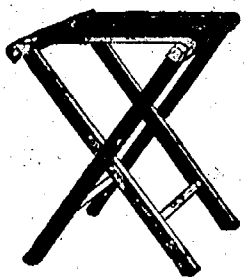
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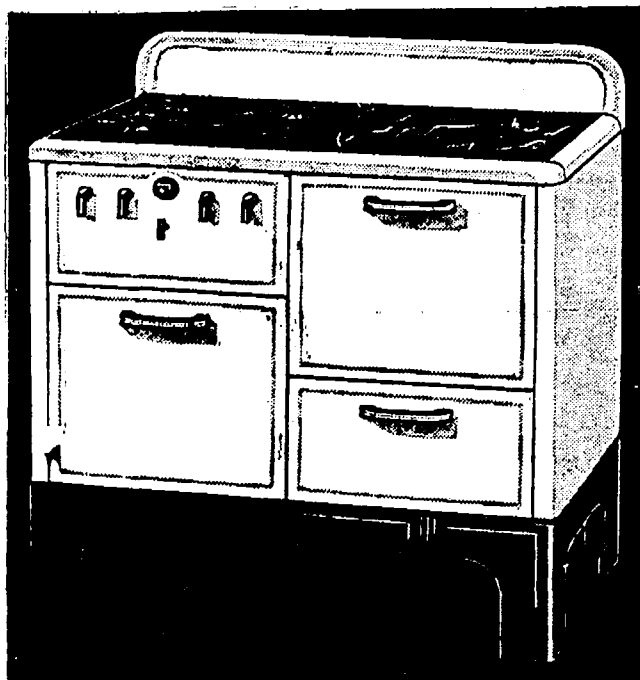
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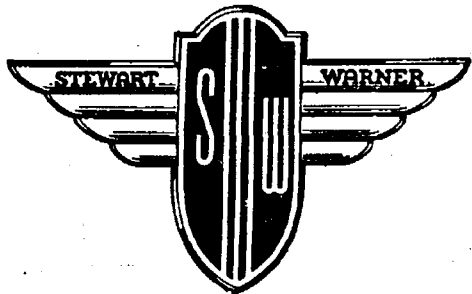
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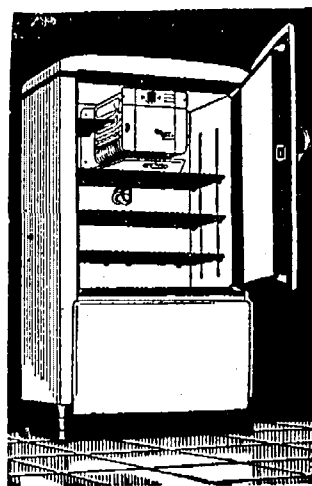


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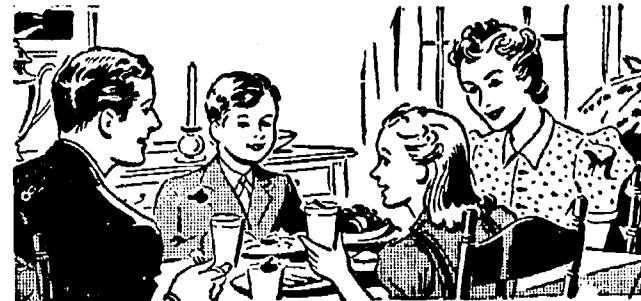
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HEARING SET IN DEATH OF FEDERAL MAN

2 Men Are Charged
With Murder

EDINBURG — Preliminary hearings for Felipe Sills and Guillermo Vinicia, both charged with murder in the January 17 death of Patrol Inspector William L. Sills of the United States Border Patrol in Starr county, have been moved ahead to February 2, U. S. Commissioner H. V. Watts announced here Saturday.

Watts said the continuance of the hearing, originally scheduled for January 26, was granted after the defendants informed him they were still seeking counsel and the government's attorney at Houston asked more time in which to prepare its case.

Sills and Vinicia were taken into custody the night of January 17 after both Inspector Sills and Moises ("El Mocho") Alvarado were shot to death in a gun battle at a scene where three men were allegedly surprised by patrolmen in the act of smuggling coats across the Rio Grande. Alvarado was killed instantly, and Sills died en route to the McAllen hospital. Alvarado's body was later taken back across the river by friends, according to Chief Patrol Inspector Fletcher Rawls.

Sills and Vinicia are residents of La Grulla and, according to border patrol records, are American citizens. Alvarado was a Mexican citizen and was listed in patrol files as a bad man, deported at least once before by U. S. authorities.

The two defendants in the murder case are also charged with smuggling, on which they were granted bonds of \$1,000 each by Commissioner Watts several days ago. They are in custody at the federal jail at Brownsville. The murder cases are not bailable. Both charges were filed by Assistant U. S. Attorney George O. B. John of Houston.

Brothers Charged In Narcotics Case

NEW YORK —(AP)—The 3 Neidich brothers fell foul of the government Friday for the second time in a week—charged with being the "most powerful operators in narcotic traffic" uncovered by the federal narcotics bureau in 20 years.

The three—Harry, George and Charles—were indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate narcotics laws and released in \$1,500 bail each for a hearing February 13.

Relief Office Gets Transient Supplies

HARLINGEN—Mrs. Kurt Naumann of the Harlingen welfare office Saturday expressed appreciation for the response of citizens to the call for clothing for those placed in need by the cold weather. The local Red Cross chapter donated \$50 for emergency relief purposes, Mrs. Naumann said.

Negro Goes To Pen In Car Murder Case

CORSICANA —(AP)—Willie Scouten, Malakoff negro, was found guilty of murder and given two years in the penitentiary by a jury here Saturday night.

He was tried in connection with the death of Mrs. Crump Huff of Longview, fatally injured in an automobile collision here last July.

This Group Certain To Be Treated Well

HOUSTON —(AP)—The government of Guatemala Saturday instructed its local consul, T. L. Evans, to show every courtesy to the Latin-American aerial tour party leaving here February 4.

The instructions no doubt will be followed. Evans happens to be manager of the tour.

FISH FRY POSTPONED

PORT ISABEL — The Townsend Club fish fry scheduled here this week Friday had been postponed indefinitely, James C. Bunting, president, announced. He said the supper would be announced later.

Weslaco Proves City Ownership Of Waterworks Can Be Made Profitable By Efficient Operation

Profit Is Shown By
Manager In New
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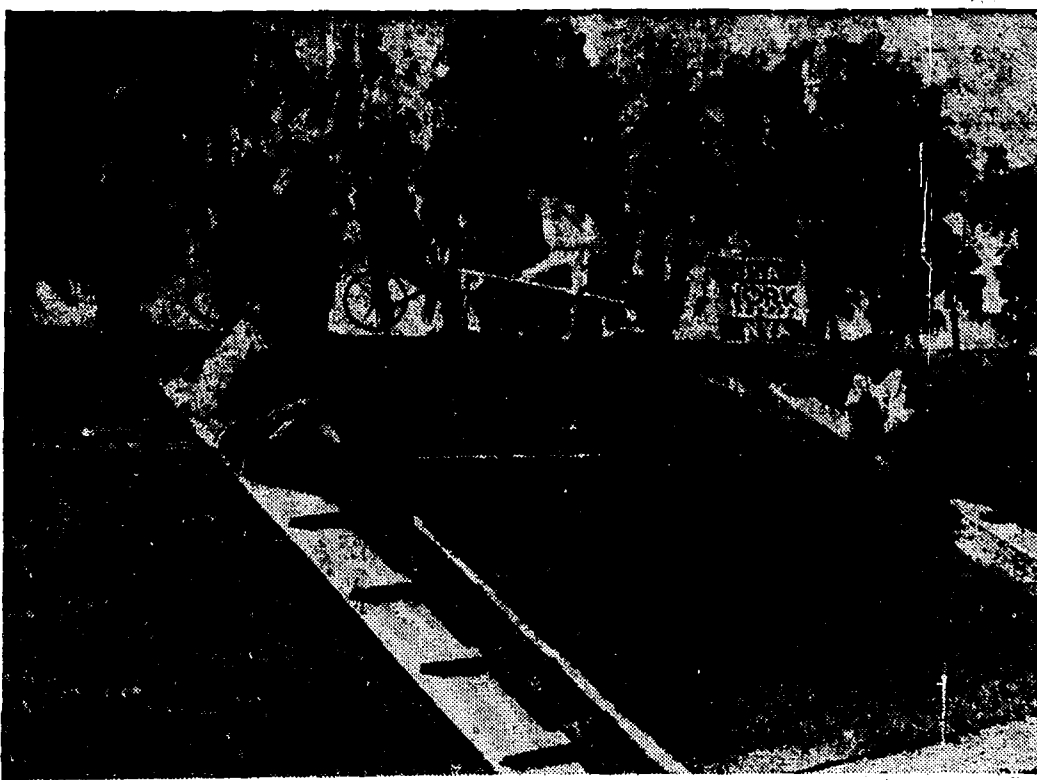
By BRAD SMITH

WESLACO — Proving that municipal ownership and operation of water system can be made a financial success, and in addition, help a municipality shoulder some of its other financial burdens, Weslaco city officials have just released the annual report on the Weslaco waterworks system for 1939.

City Secretary Virgin Thompson has presented the annual report to the city commission which shows that the system sold \$38,063.82 worth of water during the past year and that the cost of operating the system was considerably below that figure. Thus was provided a "nice profit," Thompson stated. The figure quoted was the gross revenue for the past year. It showed an increase of \$1,543.60, or slightly more than 4 per cent over 1938. Weslaco citizens used 120,000,000 gallons of water in 1939, or at least, the city bought that many gallons from Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 9. Of course, some of the water was used by the fire department, for operation of the municipal sewage disposal system and for other municipal uses.

Rate About Same

Weslaco's city water rate to consumers is about the same as that charged in other Valley cities. The regular minimum rate provides 4,000 gallons for \$2, the minimum bill for any consumer. The city also offers a special "sprinkler rate," however, in order to provide ample water at a low enough rate to encourage property owners to maintain their premises in an attractive way by growing grass, shrubs and flowers. This rate provides 10,000 gallons of water for a minimum charge of \$3, plus 15 cents per 1,000 gallons in excess of 10,000 gallons. About half of Weslaco's 1,000 water customers use the "sprinkler rate."



NYA workers pouring concrete on the \$8,000 Dunbar filter bed now being constructed for the Weslaco municipal waterworks and sewage system. The filter bed will add 6,000 square feet of treating space at the Weslaco sewage disposal plant and will provide adequate facilities for Weslaco's increasing population.

The waterworks system in Weslaco, in addition to paying for itself, is also paying for the city's sanitary sewer system and provides a little money for general fund uses. From each \$2 minimum monthly water charge collected, the city deducts 50 cents to provide an interest and sinking fund for retiring outstanding sewer system bonds and for operating the sewage disposal system. No charge for sewer service is made by the city. There are now only \$35,000 in bonds outstanding against the sewer system and the issue matures in 1949.

The city anticipates no difficulty in meeting these maturities. The city values its sewage disposal plant at \$31,372 and its sewer and drainage system at \$30,000 for a total sewage system investment of \$61,372. A new Dunbar filter bed is now being installed at the disposal plant which will greatly increase the capacity of the plant in anticipation of Weslaco's future needs. This project, jointly financed by the city and the National Youth Administration, calls for a \$6,000 expenditure by the NYA and \$1,700 by the city. It will provide 6,000 additional square feet of

space for final treatment of sewage before disposal.

Weslaco's waterworks system is carried on city books at a value of \$152,000, with the city filtration plant valued at \$41,496, for a total investment of \$193,496. Leo Pettit is superintendent of the waterworks system, which employs six to ten persons regularly in maintenance work. The system is operated under supervision of the Texas Department of Health and Weslaco water is inspected and tested regularly by that department. Its monthly reports have been invariably good, Pettit stated.

Former Valley Resident Dies At Age Of 105 Years

McALLEN — Mrs. Susan Rebecca Taylor, 105 years of age and a familiar figure in McAllen for a decade, died Saturday morning at San Antonio at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Seymour Taylor, according to information received here.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Kreidler chapel in McAllen with Rev. Henry W. Shirley, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment will take place at Rose Lawn cemetery here with A. T. Ray, W. T. Cartman, F. B. Webb, T. W. Kelly, George T. Murray and T. W. Worley serving as pallbearers.

Mrs. Taylor—known to one and all of her many acquaintances simply as "Grandma" Taylor—made her home here for eight or ten years before moving to San Antonio several years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Taylor of San Antonio, and Mrs. C. W. Porter, Monticello, Ark.; two granddaughters, a grandson, and a niece, Mrs. M. L. Brady of McAllen.

Mrs. Taylor always attributed her long life to clean living habits. She was unusually active, celebrating one of her recent birthdays in San Antonio by taking an airplane ride. Her advanced age made her eligible for immortality stories in the San Antonio papers, and her picture was familiar to readers from San Antonio to the Valley.

She was a member of the Baptist church for years, and members of the local congregation recalled that she was one of two persons ever honored by being allowed a place in a rocking chair in the aisle alongside the pews at the church auditorium. She never occupied a regular seat but always used the rocker. The other elderly member who won similar attention was the late Dr. Granger Wheaton Smith, pastor of the church and later pastor emeritus.

Gospel songs from Edward McHugh, to be heard over a national hookup Sunday, had been dedicated to Mrs. Taylor. McHugh, the Gospel Singer, dedicated songs last year in honor of Mrs. Taylor's 104 anniversary.

GROUP HONORS KIWANIS DATE

Rev. Smith Addresses
Club At Pharr

PHARR — Pharr Kiwanians celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of Kiwanis International with an outstanding program Thursday which was attended by 31 members and 20 guests.

Principal speaker was Rev. J. Beaty Smith of San Juan who spoke on the Kiwanis International theme for 1940, "Citizenship Responsibility—the Price of Liberty." To uphold liberty, he listed three things—the ballot, individual service, and international leadership by America.

Miss Lee Miller of Chicago furnished the highlight for the meeting with her singing of popular numbers. She was encored time and again. The club joined with her in singing "God Bless America." Miss Fay Jones of McAllen was accompanist.

George McCullough was program chairman. Visitors were O. A. Cunningham, Monte Vista, Colo.; E. G. Reynolds, Butch Stutzenbecker, Bill Pate, Phillip Boyce, John Boyce, H. K. Sharp, Chris Carey, E. E. Porter, Paul Jones and Wilfred Dean, all of McAllen; A. W. Soderberg, Wichita, Kans.; Sandy Anderson, San Antonio; C. Caswell, C. W. Lijestrand and Otto Kusel, Edinburg; and W. H. Maddux, Pharr.

One Man Is Injured In Saturday Mishap

MATAMOROS, Texas.—(AP)—Benigno Vega, Matamoros, was in Civil Hospital Saturday night, attaches said in a not serious condition, after he was struck by an auto driven by Anastasio G. Garcia, Brownsville, near the Juarez Market.

Police Lieutenant Erasmo Blanco said Garcia told him he made every effort to avoid hitting the aged man, who apparently stepped off a curb into the path of the auto. Special Investigator Jose Castro held an investigation, holding Garcia temporarily.

The first bank was said to have been established in Italy by the Lombard Jews in 608.

Weslaco IOOF Unit Holds Installation

WESLACO — Weslaco Odd Fellows held the regular installation service Tuesday night in the I. O. O. F. hall, with District Deputy Grand Master F. M. Cooper of Donna as the installing officer.

Members selected to serve for the new term were S. L. Owen, noble grand, and supporters A. A. Sneathen and W. W. Ludwig; vice grand, Lester Tisdale and supporters, Dr. Beller and Jack Gallion; E. I. Emmerson, recording secretary; A. F. Smith, financial secretary; J. B. Funk, treasurer; J. D. Brixey, warden; H. C. Barber, conductor; Ed. die Hendricksen, chaplain; H. Hudson, inside guard; Ben Guess, outside guard; Lawrence Ferking, past noble grand.

Nazis Warn Against Allied Broadcasts

BERLIN —(AP)—The Berlin radio issued a stern warning Saturday night, reminding Germans of the ban against listening to foreign broadcasts and citing cases of violators sentenced to long jail terms.

Wheeler Speaks To United Miners Meet

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Senator Wheeler of Montana, about the only democratic candidate who is not on John L. Lewis' scratch list, spoke to the United Mine Workers in the spirit and used many of the words of Lewis.

Japs Say Will Not 'Yield To Threats'

TOKYO —(AP)—Determination that Japan "never will yield to threats" from abroad appeared Saturday as the first reaction to termination by the United States of the 1911 treaty governing trade between the two countries.

JAPS SEEKING MEXICO TRADE

Pact Expiration Leads
To New Drive

MEXICO CITY —(AP)—Reliable sources Saturday reported that expiration of the Japanese-United States commercial treaty already has resulted in an intensive drive by Japan to expand her trade with Mexico—particularly in oil.

Japan now obtains most of the oil needed to run her vast industrial and war machines from California wells but was said to be making preparations to obtain Mexican oil in case of a United States embargo.

Iron Explored

A secondary consideration, these sources said, was the exploitation of Mexico's iron resources.

Mexico, holding nearly 18,000,000 barrels of thus far unsaleable oil and willing to negotiate a barter pact, has been receptive to Japanese representatives now here.

One responsible government official asserted:

"We would do business with the devil if he wanted oil and could pay for it."

Get Oil Permits

Japanese delegations, well informed quarters indicated, have obtained new oil well drilling permits.

Informed foreign sources said the Japanese also were studying means of assisting the Mexican government in dredging Salina Cruz, Pacific coast port, and improving petroleum storage facilities there. At present, it is almost impossible to ship Mexican oil from a Pacific coast port.

Sen. Wheeler Backed By United Mine Men

COLUMBUS, O. —(AP)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Montana democrat, generally was credited Saturday by political observers with having the United Mine Workers of America's 600,000 members back of him for the presidential nomination if Franklin D. Roosevelt decides to forego a third-term bid.

Three Are Trapped In Illinois Blaze

MACOMB, Ill. —(AP)—A young woman and three children burned to death Saturday in a fire that destroyed their home as they slept.

The victims were Mrs. Olive Wishon, 22, a divorcee; her daughter, Connie Roberta, 2; her son, Junior Duane, 9 months, and her sister, Oledia Shilps, 8.

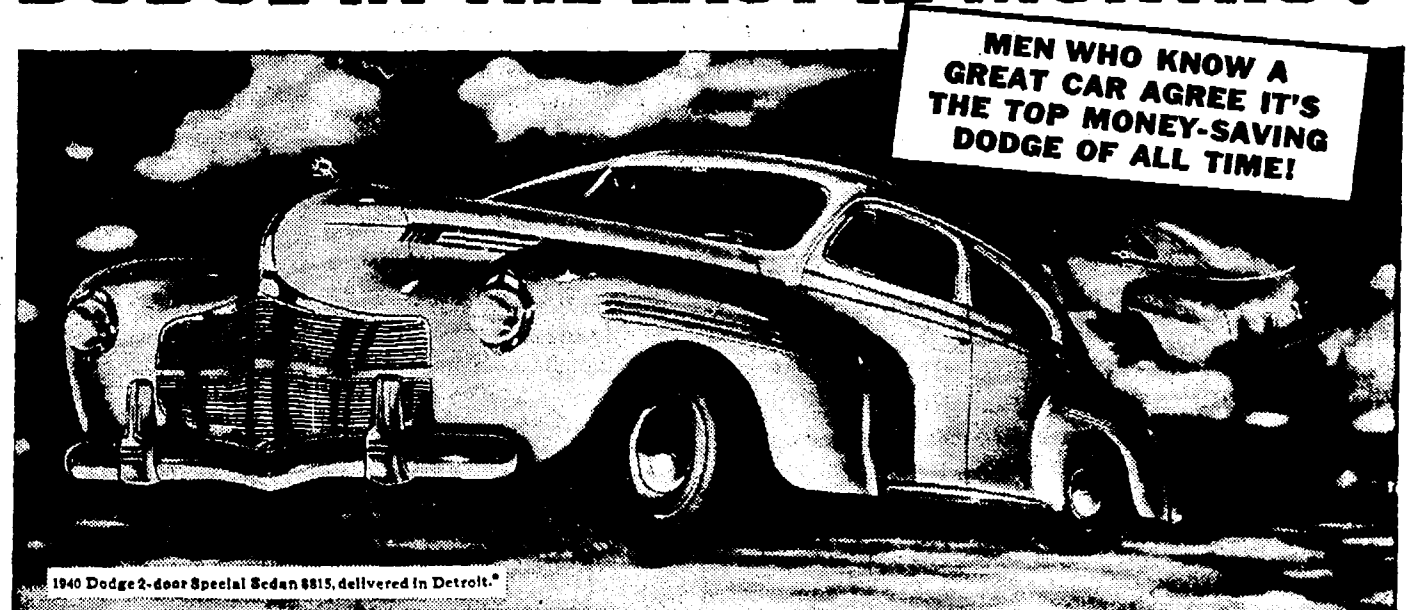
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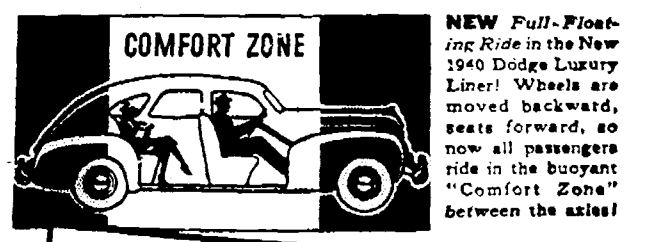
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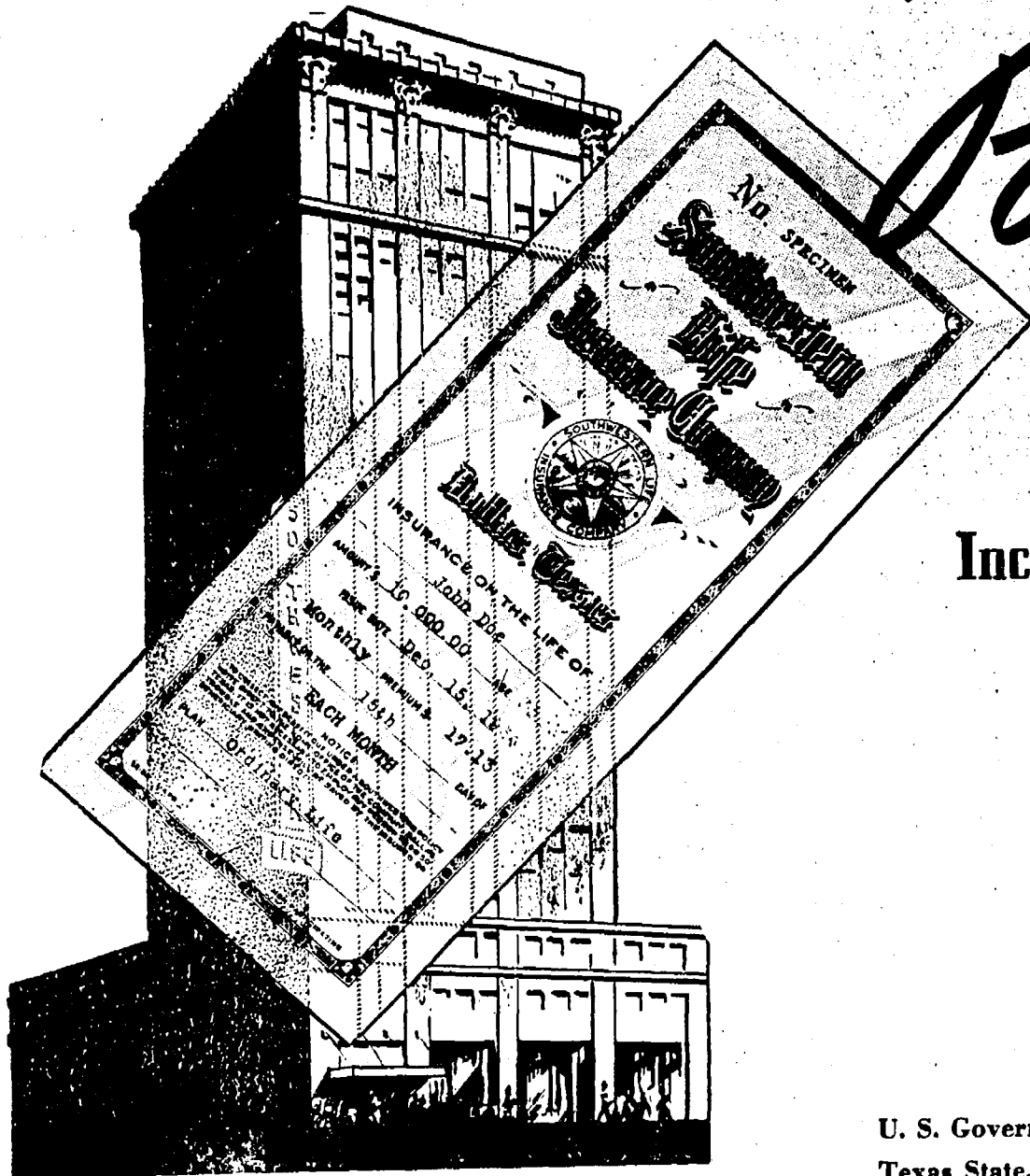
Miss Maria Romero of Dallas, left, and Miss Marjorie McGuire of Nashville, Tenn., hostesses for Braniff Airways and American Air Lines, respectively, became infected with the spirit of Charro Days when they met in Brownsville, and donned Charro costume, while on a goodwill tour to Mexico. "I guess Charro Days is not a disease, but it's infectious, anyhow," Miss McGuire said.

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ASSETS

	December 31 1938	December 31 1939
U. S. Government Bonds	\$12,369,768.05	\$10,756,292.93
Texas State, County and Municipal Bonds	14,296,401.34	14,568,579.00
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds	2,711,302.32	3,480,366.30
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate	12,820,349.85	18,048,008.29
Home Office Building	1,475,000.00	1,450,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,498,290.95	1,496,777.52
Stocks	399,652.25	576,928.00
Cash	1,375,738.84	1,657,303.53
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance	114,940.00	128,962.00
Interest on Investments Accrued But Not Yet Due	664,775.64	683,310.76
Unpaid Mortgage Interest	60,137.78	103,909.88
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	13,413,942.51	14,238,782.22
	<u>\$61,200,299.53</u>	<u>\$67,189,220.43</u>

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves	\$52,129,249.08	\$57,804,399.47
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	1,103,352.09	1,090,664.20
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	357,123.57	454,156.76
Total Liabilities	<u>\$53,589,724.74</u>	<u>\$59,349,220.43</u>
Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyowners:		
Capital Stock	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Surplus	3,610,574.79	3,840,000.00
	<u>\$61,200,299.53</u>	<u>\$67,189,220.43</u>

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Valley Scout Leaders Map Plans For 1940 Activities, Funds Campaign

BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR IS VOTED UPON

Goal Is To Triple Enrolment Here

MERCEDES—Plans to triple Boy Scout enrollment in the Rio Grande Valley, to double the number of troops to expand activities and to launch the annual campaign for funds on Feb. 12, were mapped by officials meeting at the City Hall here this week.

Twenty men, representing every Valley community, voted to adopt a budget of \$14,705.12, a figure determined after two months of study and surveys by committees in various cities. The executive board approved the budget and plans for the funds drive were turned over to the finance committee.

Must Train Youth

"America must not let her youth remain untrained and subject to propaganda by foreign nations," said Scout Executive A. H. Dreyer, Mercedes, head of scouting in the four Valley counties. "We must give our boys an outlet for their natural enthusiasms, and must train them along democratic principles. If we don't, you may rest assured those promoting various isms will attempt to capture their beliefs."

Total number of Valley boys enrolled in scouting at present is only 1,300. There are 54 units or troops, composed of from two to five patrols each. The 1940 objective is to add 44 units.

A survey, this fall revealed at least 2,000 boys of scouting age who would like to join, but who haven't been approached. A further survey is now being made to gain a more accurate figure.

Bennet Presides

The Mercedes meeting was presided over by E. C. Bennet of Harlingen, campaign chairman. Those present included Mr. Bennet, Mr. Dreyer, Keith McCassey, Valley-wide chairman, and the following district leaders:

District 1, Brownsville, Jack Wiech, Thurman Kruger and Matthew Lynne; District 2, San Benito, Morgan Finley; District 3, La Feria, Ralph Smith, Perry Bond, and Ben Woods; District 4, Mercedes, J. H. Davis and Gene Brown; District 5, White, Don Ransom and Frank White; District 11, McAllen, Dick Harris and Ernest Polzin; District 12, Mission, E. R. Williams, Lloyd Ramey and E. E. Marburger.

Norwegian Princess Calls On All Women

OSLO, Norway.—(AP)—Crown Princess Martha appealed to Norwegian women in a broadcast Friday night to prepare as much as possible to take over men's work in the event of national mobilization or war.

FOLDSOME VISIT MEXICO

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Folsom returned Friday night after a two weeks' trip to Mexico City.

Garner Says Lewis' Opposition Is The Best Political Asset He Has, And He Is Sorry The CIO Leader Flayed FDR

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Vice-President Garner told friends Saturday that "John L. Lewis' opposition is the best political asset I have."

That was described authoritatively as the vice president's reaction to Lewis' criticism of the Democratic party and of Garner's presidential candidacy. Some months ago Lewis called Garner an "evil old man."

LABOR VOTE RULES LEWIS

Warns Democrats Not To Be 'Stupid'

(Garner's reply, adjoining column)

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—John L. Lewis bluntly advised the Democratic party's leadership Saturday that any hope of victory in November without labor's help was "the depth of stupidity."

The CIO chief, who has suggested the Democrats join forces with labor for the 1940 presidential campaign, warned it was "fatal strategy" for the party leaders to believe that his followers had "no place to go."

While practically eliminating the Republican party as a haven because of "its frankly hostile attitude," Lewis declined to suggest an alternative.

He avoided committing himself on presidential possibilities at a press conference, which followed a week's sessions of the United Mine Workers fraught with political implications.

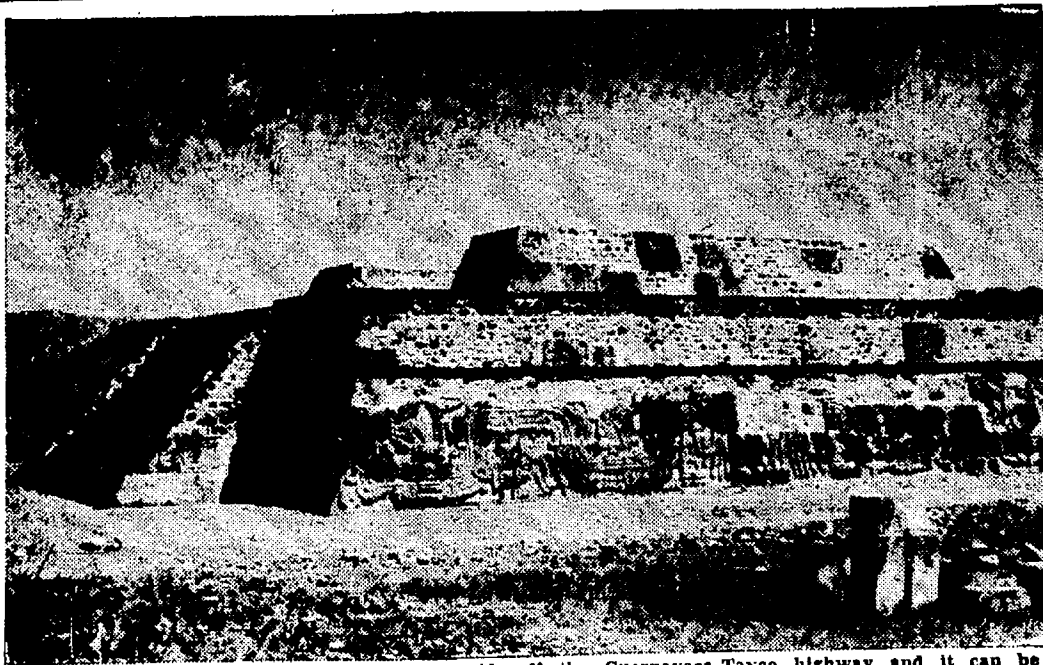
"I have no candidate as yet," he said.

The most important question, he said, was not who will be nominated for president, but what the Democratic party proposes to do for the country.

Committee Critical Of Loan Insurance

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A proposal that the Farm Security Administration insure \$350,000,000 worth of tenant farm-purchasing loans drew fire from members of the House agriculture committee at a hearing Thursday.

Tip o' Texas Topics



No paved road leads to the Chichilasco pyramids off the Cuernavaca-Taxco highway and it can be reached only after a 15-minute climb up a hill. It is well worth seeing, however.

By HARRY FOEHNER

We'll just go into our song and dance about Mexico again without further ado, taking up just about where we left off a week ago with our odd and sundry notes jotted down on a trip through the Southern Republic.

Those who have heard about the famous thieves' market in Mexico City where valuable trinkets could be bought for a song, will be disappointed as we were to learn that it is no more.

Also missing are the jal alai games or pelota played on courts called frontons. They have been banned because gambling was an integral part of the sport, even more so than with American horse racing, betting taking place point by point with the odds changing every minute. Played mostly by imported Cubans, it was reputedly the fastest athletic sport in the world.

Bullfighting still goes on unabated and the latest sensation was a girl bullfighter from Peru.

At least one American woman tourist we won't mention any names just to preserve domestic harmony, ran into trouble with Mexican water faucets. She couldn't understand why she should be getting hot water out of faucets marked "C" until she decided that possibly it did stand for "caliente" instead of cold.

Buena Noche beer is a novelty for winter tourists run into in Mexico. It is brewed only once a year and at first only directors of the brewery were able to have it. Then the supply got beyond the capacity of the directors and now the public may have it during the Christmas season.

That is the reason for the name which means Christmas eve.

The Valley Mid-Winter Fair was unofficially represented at an American embassy tea in Mexico. We met Ambassador Josephus Daniels and he graciously invited us to a reception that was to be given that afternoon to a San Francisco delegation which was seeking a Mexican exhibit at their next exposition. Mr. Ambassador said that a Dallas delegation was on hand seeking a similar exhibit at the Texas State Fair and that since New York also had a delegation wanting an exhibit for the World's Fair in 1940 that we might just put in a bid for the Harlingen fair.

Mountainside farming between Tamazunchale and Ixmiquilpan amazes the foreign visitor. We had heard that farming was done on such steep mountainsides that corn could be harvested by shooting off the ears with a rifle and letting them roll down to the feet. It was Mrs. Wilbur Wiegand of Mexico City who told us that the Indian farmers in some cases actually tie themselves to trees while cultivating these farms and it is easily believable. Most of the cultivating apparently consists merely of punching holes in the ground, placing seeds in them and keeping weeds down with a hoe although furrows were to be seen in places.

Notable vegetation seen from the highway. Palm forests and orchids between Valles and Tamazunchale, red nopal cactus leaves on the road to Cuernavaca and Taxco, oranges and tangerines near Montemorelos (confidentially, the brilliant tangerines are Mexico's best citrus), blue-bonnets in profusion between Cuernavaca and Taxco, the most brilliant colored bougainvillea we ever saw (maybe it was the mountain sunshine that made them seem that way) at Cuernavaca where they had two shades of red, the purple shade so similar to Valley people and the so-called yellow which is really more flame colored, than anything else, trees whose names were unknown to us having soft but bright red trunks, and dozens of other unidentified specimens.

Tropical fruits and vegetables with the possible exception of bayanas, aguacates, pineapples and citrus usually don't appeal much to tourists. Guavas and mangoes were out of season. Granadina (Chinese pomegranate) did not appeal nor did some of the vegetables such as jicama, pronounced surprisingly like cucumber, looking like huge turnips, tasting like rutabagas and probably something entirely different from any of these.

It is a temptation to bring back specimens of orchids and other plants but all are banned except bananas, pineapples, and grapes. No fruits with seeds may be brought back under U. S. department of agriculture regulations.

Tourists using Mexican taxis sometimes gasp to see Ford or Chevrolet speedometers marked up to 160. Well, it's kilometers and not miles, if it bothers you although they seem to drive that fast in miles in heavy traffic sometimes. Best way to tell how far you are from any place is to have a map showing the distance in miles and note the mileage at stopping points. Forgetting that, a way of roughly determining distances in miles is to multiply kilometers by five and dividing by eight. Litres, the measure by which gasoline is sold, gets some tourists mixed up. A litre is equal to 1.0567 quarts and the average tank will hold 40 to 50. Gasoline costs 18 centavos a litre.

This series will be concluded next week, the editor permitting further rambling.

A Message to Texans

Cotton Bags mean Jobs for Texans



TEXAS produces 14,000,000 boxes of CITRUS FRUIT each year. 1,000 box-size bags require 2-3 of a bale of cotton. It would require the lint of 20,000 acres and about 2,000,000 hours of farm labor to provide the cotton alone for sufficient bags to sack the Texas Citrus crop. 100,000 hours of bag factory labor, too, would add to the income of Texas people—so

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Veterans Auxiliary Officials Visit

HARLINGEN — Officers of the new Women's Auxiliary to the Harlingen Veterans of Foreign Wars Post were installed in ceremonies here Friday night, conducted by three state department officers.

Mrs. Irene Dodds, department president, Dallas; Mrs. Icie Shoop, Corpus Christi, Sixth District president, and Mrs. Lola Sanders, Corpus Christi, department hospital chairman, came here for the installation, attended by 17 members.

Mrs. Vadie McMinn was installed as president of Auxiliary Post 2410; Mrs. Bera Howard as vice president; Mrs. Jane Austin as junior vice president; Miss Dorcas Larson as secretary; Mrs. Margaret Hancock as treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Hunter as chaplain; Mrs. Almira Engleman as conductress, and Mrs. Julia Knowles as guard. Trustees of the post are Mrs. Herma Bosson, Mrs. Lucy Martin, and Mrs. Della Larson.

Color bearers are Mrs. Lelia Millard, Mrs. Mae Cooke, Mrs. Alice Harris and Mrs. Willie Kathryn Romine. Flag bearer is Mrs. Audie Scott; Mrs. Sophia Adams is patriotic instructor, and Mrs. Julia Kleinschmidt is musician.

Mrs. Julia Kleinschmidt was appointed Sixth District musician by the district president, Mrs. Icie Shoop, Corpus Christi, and was installed during the ceremonies.

Plans were perfected for attendance of a local delegation to the district conference of the VFW and auxiliary at Corpus Christi Saturday and Sunday. Commander Sid Howard of VFW Post 2410 was present to welcome the new auxiliary, and complimented Mrs. Kleinschmidt on her appointment.

Charro Cachet

Special Cancellation To Be Used

BROWNSVILLE — Postal cachets will be available in three colors for the Charro Days fiesta here, February 1-4, inclusive. Postmaster W. T. Burnett announced Saturday.

The letters will be stamped with the cachet on each of the fiesta days in the postoffice lobby, he said. Colors are red, green and black.

Attractively designed by Mrs. George McGonigle, Jr., the cachet portrays a Charro and China Poblana as well as the fiesta dates.

Mrs. McGonigle has designed the cachets since the birth of the Charro festival. There were about 13,000 letters cacheted a year ago.

COAL SHORTAGE DUE

CINCINNATI.—(AP)—Threat of an "acute coal shortage" hung over portions of the Ohio valley Friday night as the mercury tobogganed again to sub-zero depths and the Ohio River "ice barrier" grew to new proportions.

McAllen Minister Leaves For New Carolina Pulpit

McALLEN—Dr. J. W. Hassell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in McAllen for the past five and one-half years, will leave Sunday for Spindale, N. C., to become pastor there.

Rev. Hassell, a former missionary to Japan, has been a prominent member of the McAllen Ministerial Association. He has been a leader in the movement for returning Bible study to the public schools of Texas.

The local ministers' association sent Rev. Hassell a letter praising him for his work, excerpts from which follow:

Motorcades Set

McAllen Tourists To See Charro Days

McALLEN — Two motorcades to Cameron County are planned for the coming week-end by the tourist department of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

The first will be a caravan to the Charro Days celebration at Brownsville Friday. The tourists will leave the chamber of commerce building at 8:30 a. m.

Second motorcade will be a fishing trip to Port Isabel Saturday. The group will leave at 8 a. m. Tourists are asked to bring their lunch with them for a day's stay on the coast.

Sixteen Are Fined In Justice Court

PHARR—Sixteen persons were tried before Justice R. L. Savage during the past week.

Fines were as follows: W. W. Harvey, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Floyd Umstead, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Louis Chenault, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Walter Phillips, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Clifford Hunt, no rear lights, \$1 and costs; Jesse F. Freeman, speeding, \$1 and costs; Pedro Ramirez, disturbing the peace, \$10 and costs; Nicholas Gutierrez, disturbing the peace, \$10 and costs; Hal Woolridge, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Ynocencio Guerra, road law violation, \$1 and costs; Joe Herrera, speeding, \$1 and costs; Leos Cantu, no chauffeur's license, \$1 and costs; Graham Crandall, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Ray A. Yeagan, drunk in private place, \$1 and costs; W. G. Spiker, drunk in private place, \$1 and costs.

Mother Of McAllen Man Seriously Ill

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McColl have been confined to their home for several days because of influenza.

Mr. McColl's mother, Mrs. Joseph McColl, 92, is at the point of death at her home, Oskaloosa, Iowa, her son learned Saturday. Due to his health at this time, it is not certain whether he will be able to make the trip to Oskaloosa.

CIVIC DRIVE TO CONTINUE

McAllen Will Publish Names In C-C

McALLEN — Due to a decision to publish display newspaper advertisements giving a classified list of all members of the McAllen chamber of commerce, the enlistment campaign will be continued until next Friday, Aubrey Thomas, membership chairman, said Saturday.

The directors voted to give wide publicity to home people, tourists and all newcomers to McAllen as to who is working for McAllen and the Valley through the McAllen chamber.

Not only will all members be classified according to doctors, lawyers, druggists, meat markets, fruit packers and others in newspaper advertisements, but visitors and tourists will be provided with individual copies and framed copies will hang in the chamber of commerce lobby.

Students Are Ill

RANGERVILLE — Miss Betty Jayne Foust, sophomore at Brownsville junior college, and William Foust, junior in the San Benito school, this week were confined to their home with heavy colds.

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One resolution it's not too late to make

NO matter what's happened to the rest of those first-of-the-year vows, there's still time to resolve to have yourself some fun this year with that power-packed, sure-fire pleasure producer—a slightly, sprightly, roadwise 1940 Buick.

You can put yourself behind a husky Dynaflex straight-eight that's a veritable tornado when it comes to going places—but actually silkier than watchworks in its smooth-and-easy freedom from vibration.

You can switch to gentle coil springs and never need another "lube job." You can discard the old-type gear lever for Handshift transmission that works with a finger-flick.

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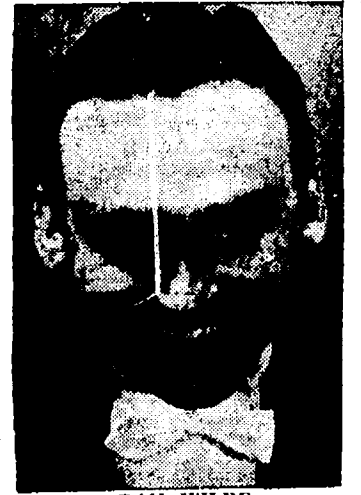
Captain Says Crew Wanted To Fight It Out With Nazis, But He Restrained Them

BALTIMORE—(P)—The weather-beaten American freighter City of Flint, once seized by a German crew and re-dubbed the "Alt," came home from her wartime adventure Saturday, her own name in bold, box-car letters on her sides and the stars and stripes whipping from her staff.

From her 40 crewmen and Captain J. A. Gairdner came stories of international entanglement with Nazis, Russians, Englishmen and Norwegians; of warship searchlights stabbing at her across cold northern waters; of facing quickly uncovered Russian guns as she attempted to leave Murmansk; and of a threatened shipboard fight.

FAMED BAND FOR CHARRO

Ran Wilde Is To Play Four Dances



RAN WILDE
Noted Orchestra Here

BROWNSVILLE—One of the best known names among swing band leaders of the music has been added to the list of attractions for Charro Days, 1940 version, according to an announcement here.

He is Ran Wilde. And his 13-piece band will furnish music for the four principal costume balls of Charro Days Fiesta, starting with the Bucanero Ball on January 29, and ending with the Regatta Ball on February 3.

The Grand Ball will be held February 1, and the Junior Hop on February 2. All these events are to be held at the El Jardin Hotel, and persons desiring to go should secure reservations at once, according to Lew H. Palmer, manager.

Florida Ban Re-Use Of Container Hit By Court

LEESBURG, Fla. — Circuit Judge J. C. B. Koonce issued an injunction from enforcing a recent rule prohibiting the re-use of containers for citrus fruits.

The injunction will permit F. C. W. Kramer, Jr., local citrus packer, to resume the use of burlap bags he has been utilizing for packing grapefruit, oranges and tangerines. Kramer bought several thousand burlap bags, more expensive than the kind usually used for citrus, and used them over and over again taking fruit to his own retail stores in Ohio. The commission order would have had this practice permanently so Kramer sought a restraining order.

U. S. Building Gains 34 Percent In 1939

WASHINGTON—(P)—The labor department reported Saturday that building permits for new residential construction in 1939 amounted to 34 per cent more than in 1938. Permits for all types of construction were 20 per cent over the 1938 total.

Crew Of 188 Drowns On British Exmouth

LONDON—(P)—Announcing 188 men—all on board—were lost with the destroyer Exmouth—the admiralty disclosed Saturday the sinking occurred January 21, within 24 hours of the loss of the destroyer Grenville with 76 dead.

Swiss Arrest Pair In Nazi Spy Probe

BERNE, Switzerland—(P)—A retired Swiss army colonel, A. Fontallaz, and a foreigner of undisclosed nationality were arrested by Swiss counter-espionage agent Saturday on charges of spying for Germany.

The first public school for the blind was established in Paris in 1784.

SALES BOOM IN INSURANCE

Southwestern Reports On 1939 Total

DALLAS—With a gain of \$18,151,115 for the year, Southwestern Life Insurance Company now has a total of \$77,768,441 insurance in force, according to C. F. O'Donnell, president.

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The Tides
The tides for Sunday: High tide at 5:17 a.m. and 6:28 p.m. Low tide at 11:51 a.m.

The tabular data is for the 24 hours ending at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

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Albuquerque	32	18	.00
Amarillo	25	12	.00
Atlanta	18	5	.00
Austin	25	17	.00
Boston	26	11	.00
Chicago	14	2	.00
Cincinnati	14	8	.00
Cleveland	20	4	.00
Corpus Christi	37	28	.00
Dallas	32	18	.00
Del Rio	32	18	.00
Denver	41	8	.00
Dodge City	18	6	.00
El Paso	47	28	.00
Fort Smith	27	10	.00
Helena	14	5	.03
Houston	37	18	.00
Huron	3	-15	.00
Jacksonville	42	18	.00
Kansas City	13	-9	.00
Kearney	70	85	.00
Memphis	20	0	.00
Miami	57	40	.00
Mobile	57	40	.00
New Orleans	31	24	.00
Norfolk	26	11	.00
North Platte	16	-8	.01
Philadelphia	20	10	.00
Phoenix	22	22	.00
Pensacola	33	15	.00
Portland	40	10	.00
St. Louis	13	-3	.00
Salt Lake City	47	30	.00
San Antonio	36	10	.00
San Diego	70	85	.00
Shreveport	30	16	.00
Tampa	45	27	.00
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MASONS PLAN VALLEY MEET

Edinburg Host Is To State Chiefs

EDINBURG—Information recently received from every section of the state indicates that one of the largest and most interesting Masonic meetings ever held in South Texas will be held here at 8:00 p. m. on Wednesday evening, February 7, it was announced Saturday by H. G. Ferguson, worshipful master of the Edinburg Masonic lodge.

Ferguson stated that every elective grand lodge officer of the grand lodge of Texas, including the Honorable Leo Hart, grand master, would be present at the meeting, which will be held in honor of Rogers Kelley, of Edinburg, recently elected grand junior warden of the grand lodge of Texas.

Valley Co-operates
Ferguson stated that all the lodges in the Valley are joining Edinburg in an effort to make this one of the most outstanding Masonic meetings ever held in this section.

Hart, together with Sam B. Canney, Jr., deputy grand master; Dr. E. M. Wood, grand senior warden, and George H. Belew, grand secretary, will arrive in the Valley on Monday, February 5. A Valley-wide entertainment committee has been appointed to take charge of these noted and distinguished Masonic visitors, and they will be entertained throughout the entire Valley, according to Wm. J. Burris, of McAllen, district deputy grand master of the Fortieth Masonic District.

Part of the program will consist of attending regular meetings of the Rio Grande City and the Brownsville lodges, which are two of the oldest lodges in South Texas. A Master Masons degree will be conferred in Matamoros, Texas, at the Boreal Lodge No. 14 of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, on Tuesday afternoon, February 6, for the benefit of Grand Master Hart and other grand officers of the Texas Grand Lodge. Honorable Ezequiel Hernandez, of Tampico, grand master of the grand lodge of Tamaulipas, is expected to confer the degree. He and other dignitaries of the grand lodge of Tamaulipas will also be honor guests at the Edinburg meeting, Burris said.

Visitors Invited
Both Ferguson and Burris announced that visiting Masons were especially invited to the Edinburg meeting on the 7th, and that a free buffet supper would be served at the high school cafeteria at 6:00 p. m. on that evening.

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Charros Entertain Valley Press Unit

When the Court of the Grand Brush Took Its Wash Out on Joe Cook



When the Court of the Grand Brush took its wash out on Joe Cook, publisher of the Mission Times, for being clean shaven at the Valley Press Association banquet Friday night in Brownsville, a "prescher" came to his rescue. Left to right are: Chief Justice Sam Perl, about to give Mr. Cook "the works"; Mr. Cook; the Rev. Robert A. Martin, Wesleyan, chaplain of the association; Acting Court Clerk John Hunter and Chief Bailiff H. D. Lozano.

BROWNSVILLE — The Charro Days fiesta here, February 1-4, inclusive, was described Friday night as "everybody's party" by Kenneth Faxon, president of Charro Days, Inc., at a Charro banquet tendered the Valley Press Association at the Central Christian church here.

Welcoming the Valley's newspapermen to Brownsville, Mr. Faxon urged them to return this week for the fiesta, and participate to the fullest degree.

He told them of the gay colors of the costumes, parades and decorations, and above all the care free atmosphere and friendliness that prevail.

The Valley newspapermen were given a "hot" reception by the Court of the Grand Brush led by Chief Justice Sam Perl.

The court, convening in extraordinary session, fined each clean shaven man 10 cents.

Court officials cracking down on the newsmen were: Chief Justice Perl, Associate Justices Joe Vivier, Jr., and H. R. Jeffers, Acting Clerk John Hunter and Chief Bailiff H. D. Lozano.

Guitar and vocal music were furnished by Edward Lucie and Mike Moran. Harmonica music was played by Dan Paredes.

The session was presided over by Sherwood Bishop, Jr., son of the president of the press association, who is convalescing from an automobile accident.

The supper was served by Circle No. 2 of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Central Christian church, Miss Namie Bourne, chairman.

Japs Burn Wutsun; 380 Persons Killed

HONGKONG—(P)—Because the inhabitants had repaired the dikes for Chinese authorities, the Central News Agency asserted Saturday that Japanese troops burned the village of Wutsun with a loss of 380 Chinese lives. It added that many men, women and children were killed by bayonet, hand grenade or burning. Central News said 900 houses were razed.

George Bruce Weds Hungarian Actress

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(P)—George Bruce, 41, film writer and producer, and Mitzi Mackay (Violet Popovich), 28, Hungarian actress, were married Saturday by Justice of the Peace Harry Westfall.

Rescue Crew Drowns As Vessel Grounds

LONDON—(P)—The crew of 12 of the Fleetwood Trawler Merisia, rewarded two days ago for saving seamen, drowned Saturday as their vessel was wrecked on rocks of the Isle of Men.

How Many Women LOSE FAT Promptly-Safely

Gain a More Shapely Figure with Increase in Physical Vigor and Vivaciousness Which So Often Comes With Excess Fat Reduction.

Here's the Plan that helps so many to reduce excess fat and brings into blossom and natural attractiveness and vivaciousness that most every woman possesses.

Take half a teaspoonful of Kruschen in a glass of hot water first thing every morning to gently activate liver, bowels and kidneys. Cut down your caloric intake. Eat wisely and satisfactorily.

In a week get on the scales and just see if you haven't lost pounds of ugly fat and gained in that energy, improvement in health and more youthful feeling which reduction of excess fat so often brings.

Don't fail to get a jar of Kruschen today! The cost is trifling—lasts 4 weeks. If not joyfully satisfied—money back.

French Ship Sunk By Nazi Submarine

PARIS—(P)—French shipping circles Saturday reported the 2760-ton French freighter Tourny had been torpedoed in the Atlantic ocean off the coast of Spain by a German submarine.

French Trucks Draw German Plane Fire

PARIS—(P)—A German plane attacked a column of French trucks with machine gun fire Saturday for the first time in the war, military reports said, adding that no damage was done.

M'ALLEN ADDS NEW FAMILIES

Five Are Permanent Residents

McALLEN—Five new permanent and nine temporary families who have recently taken up residence in McAllen were listed Saturday by Mrs. Ernest Hawley, the city's tourist hostess.

The new families permanently located here are Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Norman S. Boyle, from Winter Haven, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed from Harlingen; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baer from Floresville, Tex.; and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nelly from Victoria.

The winter visitors include Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker, Edmond, Okla.; Mrs. S. Day and Miss Day, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Vincent, Algona, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Vincent, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Martin, Wellington, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Evers, Winfield, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Williams, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wood, Bell Plain, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Boddy, Des Moines, Iowa.

Cold Wave Closes Monterrey Schools

MONTERREY, Nuevo Leon, Mexico—(P)—A week old cold wave continued in semi-tropical Monterrey Saturday, forcing several schools to close. In the municipal jail cells were heated to prevent prisoners from freezing.

F. D. Housing Ideas Cause Speculation

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt's statement that "rural and urban housing programs together should continue to grow" aroused speculation Saturday as to whether he would press for enactment of an \$800,000,000 Senate-approved bill sidetracked by the House last year.

Widows Entertained At McAllen Dinner

McALLEN—Widows and widowers were entertained Saturday by the tourist department of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

The widows winter visitors to the Valley, met for luncheon at noon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel. Later, they were joined by widowers, also winter visitors.

Cold Cracks Tower; Broadcasts Resumed

DALLAS—(P)—Broadcast of programs was resumed at radio station KRLD Saturday as workmen pushed repair of the 475-foot steel transmitting tower which collapsed Friday night.

Technicians blamed crystallization of the metal due to cold weather for the collapse of the tower.

McAllen Hospital News

McALLEN—Admitted Saturday: James Luther Cramer of Alamo; Mrs. R. W. Cline, Chesley Moss and J. Edelstein, all of McAllen. Dismissed: J. F. Spier of McAllen and Mrs. John Gettinger and baby of Mission.

Church Funds Drive Prospects Brighten

BROWNSVILLE—Results of the finance drive under way this week by the Brownsville First Methodist Church had proved satisfactory, and Rev. W. H. Moore said prospects for "going over the top are heartening." Contributions Wednesday boosted the sum by \$1275.

Drive will be continued through Monday night, when a victory dinner will be held at 7 p. m. in the church basement. Drive is designed to reduce the indebtedness of \$17,500 by \$7,500.

\$10 REWARD

For Emergency Bag with Contents, missed Friday night. Reward of \$10 and no questions asked.

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MEN WANTED

Unusual opportunity for men, 18 to 37, to be specially trained and ready in ten weeks for airplane construction in one of California's largest airplane factories; minimum starting wage 51c per hour. Part tuition, transportation needed to start; Balance tuition of pay while on job. Anderson Schools have call for several hundred trained workers. Special representative will be in McAllen in next few days. For interview, write immediately giving age, address, occupation and phone number. Address your letter to Box AS % Monitor, McAllen.

VINES PRESENTS THE OUTSTANDING FURNITURE VALUES OF THE WEEK

FURNITURE

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Comfort Plus
Hardwood walnut finish. A real value.
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GUARANTEE MUTUAL LIFE CO.

A. D. LEAVELL, General Agent

Laredo Broker Dies After Short Illness

LAREDO—(P)—Jose Asuncion Montemayor, 71, head of a large customs brokerage firm, died Saturday after a short illness.

COUNTY SEEKS STATE AID ON HIDALGO ROAD

Project Stalemated, Aldrich Reports

EDINBURG—The proposal to secure state designation and thereby state maintenance of the nine-mile highway from McAllen to Hidalgo is stalemated, County Judge Oliver C. Aldrich said Saturday.

The plan has been presented to the state highway commission on several occasions, he said, but at no time has the board given any indication it will consider such a move. The state has already designated Highway 68 south from Edinburg to Pharr, and south of the latter city to Hidalgo, as a state route. A number of McAllen leaders have proposed the McAllen-Hidalgo road's designation as a means of providing modern traffic facilities for Mexico-bound travelers.

Necessity of building two new bridges across the Rio Grande floodways south of McAllen is one factor holding up or preventing state designation, the county judge said he believes. The county at present is expending money regularly for maintenance of the present structures and repairs on the road, he explained.

"I have heard some talk of a toll-free bridge between Hidalgo and Reynosa," said the judge, "and I believe it is a good plan. What effect that would have on the state's designation of the McAllen-Hidalgo road, however, is unknown to me."

The nine-mile route from McAllen, one of South Texas' biggest winter tourist centers, to Hidalgo is known as the "Nickel-Plated Highway" to Hell, an appellation applied by Owen P. White, writer for Collier's magazine a number of years ago, in an article dealing with early-day political corruption in the county when a large number of paved roads were constructed.

Another major road need in the county, the judge observed, is a paved route leading from Hargill to the county seat. The Hargill district has no modern traffic outlet toward the center of the county, he said, and as a result Hidalgo communities are losing much of the trade which has gone to Willacy county from the Hargill region.

Children's Author Drowns In Bathtub

NEW YORK—(P)—Jeanette Ramsay, author of children's books, was found drowned Saturday in her bathtub overflowing with scalding water. Police said she apparently had fainted.

OBITUARY

F. H. DAVIS
BROWNSVILLE—The body of Frederick Henry Davis, 73, who died at 1:10 p. m. Saturday at Mercy Hospital, will be forwarded to Nebraska Sunday or Monday, by Hinkley Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis, a farmer, resided about five miles east of Brownsville on the Port road.

Among survivors is the wife Mrs. Ida M. Davis.

MRS. G. W. PERRY
BROWNSVILLE—Funeral services were held Saturday at 4:30 p. m. for Mrs. George W. Perry, 38, tourist from Milwaukee, Wis., who died Wednesday afternoon at a tourist courts here.

Services were at the Darling Funeral Home chapel with Rev. R. O. Mackintosh officiating. Interment was in Buena Vista cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and three children.

MRS. M. J. F. CASAS
BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Maria del Jesus F. Casas, 61, who died Friday at her San Benito residence, will be held at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Darling Funeral Home chapel here.

Interment will be in the city cemetery under the direction of Garza Funeral Home.

Mrs. Casas was a member of the Gardenia Grove, Harlingen, the Woodmen's Circle, for many years. Survivors are a son, Juan Casas, and a sister, Mrs. Paulita Flores, both of San Benito.

ERNST IMPROVING
BROWNSVILLE—Robert B. Ernst, manager of the J. C. Penney store here, Saturday was reported improving at Mercy Hospital, after an operation.

OLD CHURCH MOVED, NEW ONE IS DUE



This photo of the old frame building housing the First Presbyterian Church of Harlingen for more than 15 years was made just before it was moved from East Jackson to furnish a site for the new church, Presbyterians will hold services in the junior high school on E. Tyler.

As Harlingen Cardinal Band Led Opening Parade



The 70-piece Harlingen Cardinal high school band led the Parade of States (above) which opened the annual Valley Mid-Winter Fair at Harlingen. The Wednesday performance was the second public appearance of the band since new white and cardinal uniforms arrived here recently. The band will be seen shortly in concert at municipal auditorium, and this spring will participate in South Texas music meets. (Staff Photo.)

KANSAS DAY TO DRAW 800

Mercedes Host Today To Visitors

MERCEDES—Mayor D. L. Heldrick of Mercedes, will welcome approximately eight hundred Kansans who are expected to attend the Kansas Day Picnic and program Sunday, Jan. 28, to be held here in the school auditorium.

A program consisting of educational entertainment selections will be the main features of the get-together. The program will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the auditorium. Invocation will be given by the Rev. M. M. Grove, pastor of the Mercedes First Christian church.

The North Grammar School Band, which delighted Kansans with their renditions a year ago, will again appear on the program.

Program Listed
"Pioneer Days in Kansas," by Sara C. Alford, a pioneer Kansas citizen now living in Harlingen, will be the feature of the program. Paul Hornbeck, Mercedes artist, will render several vocal selections, while J. C. Popil of Mission, will play an accordion. Mrs. Eldon B. Smith as chairman of the program committee. An open forum will be conducted by Charles M. Coleman, permanent secretary of the Kansas Association.

Registration will start at 10 a. m. in charge of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Kasey. At noon there will be a basket lunch at the high school cafeteria. The visitors will bring their own lunch baskets, but coffee will be served by the school cafeteria.

All Kansans Invited
All Kansans and ex-Kansans have been invited through the press and radio to attend this meeting.

Cooperating with the Mercedes Day officials are the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce, and Supt. E. H. Poter, the school board, as well as the local mayor and city officials.

Contest Delayed

Model Plane Trials Scheduled Sunday

HARLINGEN—Garver Murray, director of the model airplane display, said Saturday night, that due to high winds Saturday morning the model airplane contests had been postponed until Sunday afternoon at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair grounds.

Murray announced winners in the model displays as follows:

Neatest gas model—Bill M. Kious, McAllen.

Flying scale model—Bill Kious, first; Scotty Bowlin, Harlingen, second and Billy Bryant, San Benito, third.

Scale model—Bill Kious, first and Charles Lemmon, San Benito, second.

Original design—John Malibey, Harlingen, first.

The Sunday contests will be held around 5 p. m. following the mid-air races in front of the grandstand.

Fair Stock Awards

HARLINGEN—Winner in the Cattle Show—Dairy Division, Jersey, Class 1, Aged Bull—First, Joe Fernandez, Brownsville; Second, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third, D. Woods, Lyford; Class 2, Bull 1 to 2 years—First, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Second, J. B. Chastner, Westlake; Third, Jacob Masters, Sebastian; Class 3, Males under 1 year—First, Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Class 4, Females under 1 year—First, Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Class 5, Females under 1 year—First, Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Class 6, Females under 1 year—First, Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Class 7, Females under 1 year—First, Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third, J. W. 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American Dollar Is Biggest Winner Of World War II To Date

NEW YORK IS WORLD CENTER FOR FINANCE

But It Complicates U. S. Situation

By ROGER BABSON
WASHINGTON, D. C.—First big undisputed victory of the war to date has been won by the American dollar. Our dollar has become the acknowledged top currency of the world. New York, not London, Paris, nor Amsterdam, is the financial center of the world of 1940. This does not mean that our monetary problems are all settled. In fact, as long as the "Fever of the Currencies" continues to rage, being "king" of the currencies is a debit—not an asset.

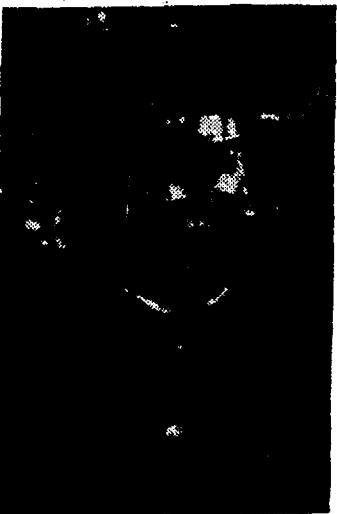
Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, head of the world's biggest bank (Chase National in New York City) has just trained the microscope of the nation's money doctors on our currency problem. He proposes that we open up the gold market which we closed in 1933. It is not a new cure—it has been brought up again and again. The suggestion, when probed and dissected in the past, has been found wanting. The currency situation, however, has been growing steadily more acute. Consequently, Mr. Aldrich's proposal is now rightfully receiving wide discussion.

What the Problem Is
The problem is this: We have 70 per cent of the world's gold. That is too much. Other nations have little gold to pay us for the goods they want to buy from us. This makes our dollar so mighty that more "timid" gold is sent to us, thus weakening our currencies still further. This automatically boosts our prices in world markets in terms of foreign currencies and hence cuts down our exports, increases our unemployment. Under normal conditions, the situation would correct itself, but the dollar occupies its exalted position not because of U. S. economic strength but because of world economic weakness. While there is complete disagreement as to how to solve this riddle, there is unanimous agreement on the existence of this gold danger.

Readers will remember that we cut the gold content of the dollar by 40 per cent in 1933. We thereby hiked the price of gold from \$20 to \$35 per ounce. We forbade any citizen to own or transfer gold. We bought gold from all comers. This started the most gigantic mass movement of the precious metal in the world's history. Since 1934 \$10,300,000,000 worth of bullion has been sucked into the U. S. Like fabled King Midas, we were happy to have it come; but, like King Midas, we now want to get rid of it. Every day more millions stream here from other nations anxious to get dollars to spend on war supplies, from busy miners, from individuals who want American dollars rather than hoarded gold. And this has been going on for years.

A Pan-American Dollar?
When the war came last September, America was holding \$17,000,000,000 of the world's \$26,000,000,000 gold supply. The British decided the odds were too big, abandoned the pound sterling, sounded its death knell as the world's greatest currency. Immediately the countries which had formerly based their currencies on the pound shifted to the dollar. Sweden's krona, Canada's dollar, and Argentina's peso have all tied up with the dollar. So has the Japanese yen. Moreover, a new Pan-American dollar

BEFORE — Joins, Travels, Fights, Retires a Hero—AFTER



Army Vet Gets Medal For Saving Life

Thirty-one years ago staff Sergeant Harold C. Marshall (left) looked like this when he first saw service with the coast artillery at Fort Flagler, Wash. Since then he has viewed a lot of the world, served in the World War, and was awarded a U. S. congressional medal for saving life instead of taking it. Staff Sergeant Harold C. Marshall of the Quartermaster Corps, Fort Brown (right) who is to be retired January 31 with the rank of captain, after 31 years in the army, is shown above in a happy mood. And who wouldn't be? The dog on his lap is the family pet, "Peechie." The veteran soldier is to visit Sacramento, Cal., this summer, but will make his home in Brownsville.



Doctors To Hold Luncheon Monday

McALLEN — Doctors and their wives who are visiting in McAllen for the winter will be entertained at noon Monday when a Dutch treat luncheon is held at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

VALLEY FRUIT IS UP 31 CENTS

Grapefruit Auction Sales Reported

WESLACO — Valley grapefruit realized an average of 31 cents a box more the past week according to summary of grapefruit auction sales in ten markets reported by the Texas-Federal Market News Service here.

Although the general rise in Valley grapefruit prices on the auction did not begin until Tuesday and Wednesday, the average for the entire week was 31 cents a box higher than the preceding week.

Average Is \$2.14
The Valley average on all sales for the week ending Friday was \$2.14 per box compared to an average of \$1.84 for the previous week. Shippers cashed in on fruit bought on a low market from the producers.

The Valley average also was 24 cents a box better than the Florida average which was \$1.90 per box as compared to the Valley's \$2.14. The Florida price was 17 cents improved over the previous week's average, which was only \$1.77.

The best average for Valley fruit was \$2.30 in New York City for 7,830 boxes including pinks. Averages for other points were as follows: St. Louis 3,370 boxes, \$1.67; Chicago 11,151 boxes, \$2.08; Detroit 2,819 boxes, \$2.24; Cleveland 5,655 boxes, \$2.11; Cincinnati 5,243 boxes, \$2.11; Pittsburgh 2,250 boxes, \$2.15; Baltimore, no auction sales of Texas fruit; Philadelphia 2,158 boxes, \$2.14; Boston, no auction sales of Texas fruit. There was not a market in which the average for Texas fruit did not improve. The Texas prices include pinks but on the other hand the Florida prices include Indian river, that state's premium fruit.

Friday auction sales unreported Friday included 1,633 boxes of Texas Marsh at Cleveland for an average of \$2.40 with 452 boxes of pinks averaging \$2.91. At New York 1,190 boxes of Texas pinks averaged \$2.44. 2,605 boxes of Florida Marsh averaged \$2.60 in standard boxes and 610 wirebound boxes of Marsh averaged \$1.47.

Loadings Up Again
Valley loadings increased again to 78 cars Friday while Florida loadings dropped from 81 on Thursday to 28 on Friday.

Track holdings in 16 important receiving markets were the lowest in many weeks, being down to 118 cars Saturday. The week's high was 194 Monday as a result of the usual week-end accumulation and of the fact that several auctions were closed last week because of the cold.

Canners Open Full Fruit Process Runs

McALLEN — Local and Valley canning plants this week were maintaining full-time operating schedules in an effort to process as much as possible of the season's pack before warm weather shows definitely the amount of freeze damage to citrus.

Four plants here and one at Harlingen, among others scattered over the Valley, began the 24-hour runs Saturday or Monday. A few plants had closed to await outcome of freeze damage estimates.

Canners estimate of damage ranged from 20 per cent decrease in Valley output to a complete end to the canning season with the advent of warm weather.

Townsendites See Film On Narcotics

BROWNSVILLE — Narcotics and its effects will be shown in a motion picture Monday at 7:30 p. m. before the El Jardin Townsend Club No. 1 at El Jardin school near here.

There will be a business meeting of the Townsendites prior to the showing of the film.

The El Jardin Townsend Club No. 1 will hold a picnic at Ebony Grove community house, Sunday noon, February 4, S. W. Brightbill, publicity chairman, announced.

Iturbi Recital Set Monday At Edinburg

EDINBURG — Jose Iturbi, well-known pianist to Valley music lovers, will be presented in concert at Edinburg Junior College auditorium Monday at 8 p. m. under auspices of Cultural Arts, Inc.

The Spanish prodigy came to America first in 1929, when he made his debut with the Philadelphia orchestra. Five years later he made his second debut as a director, and Iturbi today occupies a place of singular pre-eminence in both fields.

RURAL SCHOOL IMPORT GROWS

A. N. Martin Active In Organization

MISSION — Educators this week said the plan to organize rural school heads was gaining momentum over the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas.

A. N. Martin, superintendent of the Tabasco Consolidated School west of Mission, was one of those active in organizing educators into the Rural School Administrators' section of the Texas State Teachers Association, effected at the November convention of the association in San Antonio. The move marked the first attempt to bring rural administrators of the state together as a unit.

In accordance with the proposal of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel to sponsor re-organization of the state education system, on recommendation of a committee of 175 educators, the rural administrators division recently asked O'Daniel to include representatives of this unit in the major committee so that their needs would be met through the new program.

As one of three members on a special committee appointed to contact O'Daniel, Martin was present at the presentation of the unit's brief to the governor. Martin returned here early last week from Austin with a report of the committee action. He is chairman of the southern district of the new organization, already one of the strongest in the state teachers association.

Navy Mothers Will Meet At Mercedes

MERCEDES — The Navy Mothers Club will meet Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Mercedes City Hall.

Speaker for the afternoon's program will be ex-Navy Reserve Officer W. C. Carlisle of Mission. Subject of his address will be "How Our Navy Feeds Its Men."

Fingerprinting Is Halted By Weather

SIoux FALLS — (P)—Sioux Falls Police couldn't function at 10 below zero Thursday. A headquarters report on a burglary investigation read: "Place too cold to obtain fingerprints. This will be done at a later date."

ARCHITECT DIES

OKLAHOMA CITY — (P)—J. O. Parr, former Texan and prominent Oklahoma City architect, died Friday.

O'DANIEL SPEECH ON VALLEY SENT TO DISTANT LAND

McALLEN — Copies of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's speech during a recent radio broadcast praising the Lower Rio Grande Valley are being mailed to many distant points of the globe.

P. H. Graning of McAllen has mailed copies to London, Brisbane, Australia; British Honduras, Ontario, British Columbia, Mexico and 40 states of the United States.

The copies were sent to persons with whom Graning corresponds.

Port Isabel Scout Exhibit Is Winner At Mid-Winter Fair

PORT ISABEL — The hard work on the part of Skipper Leo Baumbach and his Sea Scouts of the SSS Spitfire of Port Isabel was rewarded and they carried home the first prize from the Valley Mid-Winter Fair. Their exhibit was two large knot-boards on which were nailed every imaginable kind of knot. All told there were 128 knots on these boards with the exception of the many hundreds in the belts and purse. It took 250 feet of line to make these knots. Many hours were spent by the Skipper and his boys in preparing this exhibit.

At the back of one board and at the base of the second reposed a twenty-four inch model of the "Constitution" made by Mr. Baumbach with a pocket knife, some sewing thread, and a pair of tweezers. Along with this were three lights taken from their boat; two running lights and a mast-head light.

FETE SET FOR LEGION CHIEF

Texas Commander Is Due Here Sunday

BROWNSVILLE — L. J. Roberts, department of Texas commander of the American Legion, will be guest of the Brownsville post at a breakfast at 8 a. m. Monday at the White Kitchen.

Word that the Texas commander will be in the Valley Monday was received by the local post Saturday. C. H. Holcomb, commander, said.

The Monday breakfast will be for Legionnaires, Veterans of Foreign Wars, their auxiliaries, and all ex-service men and wives, he announced.

Mr. Roberts will visit Legion posts in other Valley cities during the day, and at 6 p. m. Monday will meet with the commanders of the Valley posts, at Mercedes.

Townsend Meet Set Monday At Weslaco

WESLACO — A prosperity meeting will be held at the Leskie Temple in Mercedes Monday night with Judge W. W. Stevens of Iowa and Rev. Nicholson as speakers.

Special music is announced and an invitation is extended by S. J. Thomas of Weslaco to business men, farmers and laborers.

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Pictured above is Orvis Seal, wearing one of the special jackets which Lions Club members made Wednesday when they staged their annual "Tax Day" drive to secure added funds with which to conduct their Sight Conservation project. The clubmen raised more than \$200 for this purpose during their one-day campaign. (Staff Photo.)

BALL PLAYERS ON UNEMPLOYED ROLLS



by E.C. Doc Osborn.

Even Major Leaguer Is Getting Pay Missouri Commish Gives Okeh

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — (AP) — Several big time baseball players—their identities shrouded in red tape—are cashing in on Missouri unemployment insurance, but their bosses and the men who wrote the law don't like the idea.

Players of the St. Louis Browns of the American League and the Kansas City Blues, resting through the Hot Stove season, have been officially declared out of work and are drawing weekly checks up to the \$15 maximum. The Kansas City team is an American Association affiliate of the New York Yankees.

An interpretation of the state law by E. C. Crow, member of the unemployment compensation commission which controls job insurance, made them eligible even though most of them are paid on a yearly contract basis. They draw their salary only during the regular season and the law provides "an individual shall be deemed totally unemployed in any week during which he performs no services and with respect to which no wages are payable to him."

Against Claims

The disclosure brought an immediate reaction from club managers, members of the commission and of the state legislature.

State Senator Allen McReynolds and George A. Rozier, co-authors of the job insurance law, declared: "We do not hesitate to say that under this law it was never contemplated that men who were drawing handsome salaries on a yearly basis could receive any benefits."

"I think it is a downright shame that fellows who average \$2,000 a year should get additional compensation in such a method," said Roy Hamer, secretary of the Blues. "Not only is it shameful, I think it is illegal."

"I tried my best to stop them," echoed the Browns' general manager, William O. Dewitt. "One of them is receiving a salary from us of between \$8,000 and \$9,000."

Commission Chairman Andrew J. Murphy, Sr., summed up the situation.

"It doesn't seem right to me . . . but under the law there's nothing we can do but give it to them if they qualify."

Murphy said regulations made it impossible for him to disclose the names of recipients.

Players Named

However, the Blues' management said these six players had applied for the cash:

Al Piechota, a pitcher sold to the Boston Red Sox; Clyde McCullough, a catcher now with the Chicago Cubs; William Matheson, an outfielder recruited by the New York Yankees, and pitchers John Lindell and Fred Gay, and outfielder Buzz Boyle, still with the Kansas City club.

In St. Louis, the Post-Dispatch said that Ed Cole and Johnny Berardino of the Browns were collecting the compensation insurance.

Cole, a pitcher, resides at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Berardino, an outfielder, at Los Angeles.

The newspaper also said it had learned Joe Glenn, Browns' catcher, had applied in New York for unemployment benefits.

Ed Staples, secretary of the St. Louis Cardinals, said none of the team's players, as far as he knew, had applied for the Missouri benefits.

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Johnny Berardino, infielder for the St. Louis Browns named in St. Louis as collecting unemployment compensation insurance, declared Saturday he had "voluntarily stopped" the practice several months ago.

"When I applied," he said, "I thought it might help me get through college. But I came back here too late to enroll. When I learned that the public might require such things, I told them to stop my payments."

Berardino ranks as a junior at the University of Southern California.

Aggies Receive Gridiron Trophy

COLLEGE STATION — (AP) — President Herbert Benson of the Sugar Bowl Association Saturday presented to the Texas Aggies the trophy they won by defeating Tulane at New Orleans New Year's Day.

Registrar E. J. Howell, member of the A. and M. athletic council, received the trophy in the absence of Benson because of illness of Dean E. J. Kyle, council chairman. The ceremony was held at Guion Hall. Fourteen members of the Sugar Bowl Association came here from New Orleans for the ceremony.

Benson said in his address of presentation that he believed past season football games were of great benefit to New Orleans and the participating schools.

"These games bring together and form lasting friendships among people of different sections of the nation," he said.

Cadet Col. Durward Varner expressed appreciation of the student body to the city of New Orleans, the Sugar Bowl Association and to Tulane for the reception given the Aggies.

Each of the New Orleans visitors was taken on a tour of Ag'land by a senior student.

The Aggie band participated in the ceremony by playing the "Aggie War Hymn." Students and Aggie fans joined in school yell.

Letters were awarded members of the undefeated, top ranking team of 1939 at a banquet Saturday night.

A game department survey reveals that but 300 horned mountain sheep remain in Texas.

East Texas League Clubs Meet Today

JACKSONVILLE, Tex. — (AP) — Managers of the East Texas League gathered here Sunday for their annual meeting.

Chief items of business to be transacted include election of officers, adoption of the official baseball, drafting of a schedule and decision on the status of the several clubs.

League President C. P. Moseley said Jacksonville's status still was doubtful. Lufkin has been mentioned as likely to get the franchise. Jacksonville would go out of the league.

Dallas Acquires Longview Club

LONGVIEW, Tex. — (AP) — President George Schepps of the Dallas Rebels announced Saturday that his Texas League club would operate the Longview East Texas League franchise this year as an outright owner.

Schepps' announcement followed a pledge by a Longview group to raise \$2,500 by April 1 to pay off the club's indebtedness.

"This will give us the franchise free of debt," Schepps said, "and will enable us to start from scratch in building a ball club for Longview."

Schepps conferred with Arthur Hale, business manager of the club last year under the sponsorship of the Chicago White Sox.

With the franchise will go four players who were under White Sox contracts last year. They were Bob Mosel, first baseman with Lubbock in the West Texas-New Mexico League, Henry Becker, Longview outfielder, and pitchers Pat Beasley and Harold Mitchell.

Schepps said Tex Jones, former Dallas star, who dropped out of baseball five years ago after piloting the Longview club, will return as manager.

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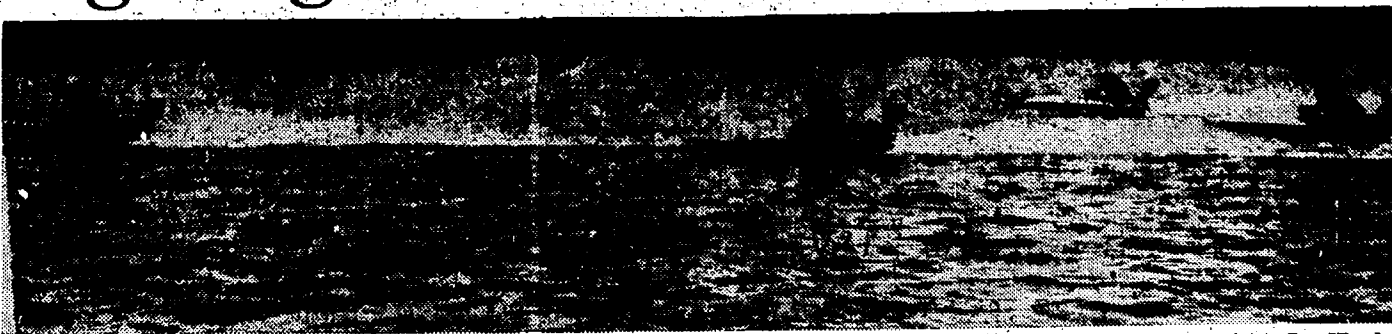
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E. C. "DOC" OSBORN, Sports Editor

Sunday, January 28, 1940

Big Regatta Carded Next Sunday



The scene above is typical of nearly three hours of identical action next Sunday at the Port of Brownsville turning basin during the International Outboard Regatta, the highlight of the fourth day of the 1940 Chorro Days. Picturing a Class A aquatic speed event on

BROWNSVILLE—The racy speedboats of Gar Wood, Jr., of Algonac, Mich., and Frank Vincent, Tulsa, both of whom set new world records during the Chorro Days regatta in 1939, arrived in Brownsville Saturday, ready for assembly in preparation for the International Regatta next Sunday in the Port of Brownsville turning basin.

If weather permits, the boats are to be taken out to the turning basin Sunday afternoon, assembled, and put through warm-up tests around the port basin. The public is invited to watch the tests, if Sunday afternoon is clear and warm.

Meanwhile, regatta programs are being printed, and last minute preparations concluded for the aquatic events, which will occupy the spotlight on the final day of the 1940 Chorro Days celebration, next Sunday.

Large Entry List

R. W. Pitts, chairman of the regatta committee, clung Saturday to his expectations that nearly 40 boats are to compete in the nine races Sunday afternoon, and water events, which will remain to take part in the trials Monday morning in the ship channel.

During the Monday morning time trials, several world records will be the targets, and there is strong possibility new speed marks will be set again this year. Last year six world's records were shattered during the time trials, three by Gar Wood, Jr., two by Buddy Reuter, San Antonio, and one by Frank Vincent, Tulsa.

The international regatta will get under way at 1 p.m. Sunday, and the regatta committee is preparing to accommodate a capacity crowd at the port turning basin. Last year thousands crowded into every available spot around the harbor's edges to view the thrilling outboard spectacle.

There will be nine heats on the afternoon program; two each in the A, B, and C hydroplane class, two in the Class C runabout, and an F class open free-for-all, in which several C class boats are entered to qualify drivers for entry in the time trials Monday morning.

Frank Vincent, the Tulsa driver who shattered a world speed time last year, was in Brownsville Saturday, registered at the Hotel El Jardin, as was Orin Johnson, mechanic for Gar Wood, Sr., who is in charge of the "Miss America" nine time winner in 20 years of the Harnsworth trophy. Also here is Worth Boggeman, Fort Worth, with two boats and two motors.

Young Wood's equipment which Johnson will assemble Sunday with favorable weather, consists of four motors and six motors. One of the six is of the 110-horse power six-cylinder Spanish type. Vincent's outboard equipment, also here, includes two boats and two motors.

Several gallons of high test fuel—gasoline and oil—to be used in the speedboat regatta, already have arrived. One cargo of fuel is consigned to Dan Frazier, Rantoul, Ill., who is one of the entries in the F class 60-horse power race. Frazier is due to arrive Friday. Special high test fuel oils also have reached Brownsville for the use of Vincent and Wood, Jr.

Pitts announced receipt of a letter from Jack Barbee, newly elected official scorer of the Texas Outboard Racing Association, stating that the Texas regatta will be placed on a prominent public place in Brownsville this week. The trophy is now held by Bob Mitchell, Dallas, but will be presented to the high Texas outboard driver for the 1940 season.

Full Program

The Sunday afternoon program, opening at 1 p.m. with the A class hydroplane race in which eight boats are entered, continues at 1:40 p.m. with the B class race, with nine boats registered. At 2:20 p.m. the class C hydroplane race is scheduled to start, with the C class runabout event following at 3 p.m.

Then follows the most thrilling spectacle of the entire regatta, the F class open-to-all trial, in which Don Frazier is the outstanding entrant. This race is designed to qualify its participants for entry in the Monday morning time trials for new world's records.

The official entry list was further swelled Saturday with receipt of entry blanks from Tom DeWitt, Van Wirt, Ohio, high ranking amateur in Ohio; and Buddy Reuter, San Antonio, holder of two new world records. DeWitt, who is entered in the Class A race, is due in Brownsville Thursday.

Saturday's complete official entry list includes:

Wood, Jr., Vincent, Boggeman, Frazier, Henry Wilson, Jr., Brownwood, Shorty Green and Ralph W. Campbell, Austin; Adolph Scheb, Henry Taubert, and Clarence Stinson, San Antonio; Sam Gill, Jr., Blanco; Bill Crist, and Herman Mayberry, Dallas; Don L. Allred, Amarillo; Paul E. Sawyer, Jr., Austin and New York; and Bob Milam, Smackover, Ark. Others are expected.

Three Stars Leading In Crosby Open Many Players Back Just A Stroke

DEL MAR, Calif. — (AP) — National Amateur champion Marvin (Bud) Ward and two professionals, Harold McSpadden and Ed Oliver, set the pace with sub-par 68's in Saturday's round of the annual \$3,000 Bing Crosby's Open golf tournament at the Rancho Santa Fe Country Club.

Ward, after announcing that this would be his last appearance in open competition, proceeded to knock four strokes off par and put in a strong bid for the championship in the final 18 holes Sunday. The Spokane, Wash., titleholder had little success until Saturday, when he won the tournament in California.

One stroke back of the three leaders were 10 players as par took a drubbing.

Oddly enough, there is no trophy for a winning amateur in the medal play, but host Crosby, himself a native of Spokane, said one would be obtained if Ward should win. Chief amateur competition was on a best-ball basis, with the amateurs teaming with pros.

Walter Hagan and screen star Richard Arlen, trailed by a large gallery, posted a best ball of 70; as did Tex Cobb, baseball's hero, and Ed Hogan of White Plains, N. Y. Low best-ball honors went to Willie Goggin, San Francisco pro, and Marshall Duffield of Hollywood. They had 62.

Another amateur, Pat Abbott of Pasadena, former national public links champion, turned in an individual 69 and best-ball score of 64 with Ky Lafoon.

Jimmie Demaret of Houston carded an individual 71 and a best-ball score of 65 with Johnny (Tarzan) Weissmuller. Weissmuller had a little difficulty on the back nine and Demaret carried the load in.

The inhabitants of the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal are mostly dwarfs.

Outdoor Program Scheduled Today

BROWNSVILLE—Winter tourists in the Rio Grande Valley will be honor guests at an outdoor program to be held at the Brownsville turning basin Sunday and under the direction of Hurt Butsell, local sportsman.

The program will get under way at 2 p.m. and last until 5 p.m. Among the events scheduled are: exhibitions and surf casting, clay target shooting, bow and arrow shooting and model airplane construction and flying.

As the feature event, a contest between an angler and swimmer will be held, the swimmer to play the part of a big Valley fish.

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Fast Field Assured At River Oaks Western Open Draws Ryder Cup Team

HOUSTON — (AP) — The personnel of the Ryder Cup team—professional golf's All-America—will compete in the Western Open over the River Oaks course here next month.

The announcement, made to the local committee Saturday by L. L. Cooke, president of the Western Golf Association, insured one of the fastest fields in the history of the big tournament.

The Ryder Cup team is comprised of Byron Nelson, National Open titleholder and current Western king; Dick Metz, Horton Smith, John Revolta, Vic Ghezzi, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmy Hines, Harold McSpadden, Henry Picard, Paul Runyan and Sam Snead.

Walter Hagen is non-playing captain, but it was not learned whether the Old Maestro will appear.

Besides the top-ranking pros, colorful Gene Sarazen and others of the old guard will be here, along with a couple of neophytes who used to burn up the tennis courts—Ellsworth Vines and Wilmer Allison.

Besides Vines and Allison, the amateur group will include Wilford Wehrle, Texas' host of stars, and possibly Marvin (Bud) Ward, the National champion.

Plans went forward Saturday for a dinner in honor of Jimmy Demaret, young Houston professional who has won two of the winter tour's tournaments, on February 14, two evenings before the three-day tourney opens. The town is excited over Demaret's doings and wants to give him full honors.

Girl Cagers Play Monday

Twin Bill Scheduled At San Benito

SAN BENITO—Monday night in the San Benito high school gymnasium, a double-header basketball program is scheduled and one that is certain to give game fans more than their share of action.

At 7:30 the La Feria girls team will meet the Los Fresnos sextette in a non-conference affair and at 8:30 the La Feria Lions will go against the San Benito Greyhounds in a Grapefruit League game.

Throughout the Valley there is unusual interest in the girls' game. All because it will pit two teams against each other that are the favorites to win the championships of the two girls' leagues. Thus the fans will have an opportunity Monday night of seeing what might be called a preview of the Valley championship play-off scheduled in February. La Feria and Santa Rosa are listed as the top teams in their league with Los Fresnos and El Jardin ranked high in their circuit. The La Feria girls won the recent Lyford tournament by defeating Santa Rosa and Los Fresnos defeated El Jardin in the same meet.

Added interest in the game is the prospective duel between Juanita Brooks of Los Fresnos and Mildred Meyers of La Feria. Both are All-Valley players and are outstanding girl athletes. Two other All-Valley players are on the La Feria team, Emma Cloud, forward, and Geraldine Strickland, center. Others who will probably start against Los Fresnos are, Muriel Kiester, Phyllis Maston and Frances Cain. Since the Los Fresnos roster is also dotted with star players, there should be a real dog-fight at San Benito Monday night.

The Lions will enter their game favored to win over the Greyhound who have had trouble getting started due to the inexperience of the players. Last week the Lions dropped a game to the Harlingen Cardinals and won over the Brownsville Eagles. The Greyhounds showed

Sports Roundup

By EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK — (AP) — They're off, boys! Auburn starts spring football practice Monday . . . The Dempsey-Willard fight films are back in circulation now that Jack and Doc Kearns have been cut in for 40 per cent . . . Joe Louis, who guest stars on the Fred Allen program next week, will draw down a cool \$1,200 for five minutes' work.

He gave up. Al Corrotto, Oklahoma's fine blocking back of a few years ago, tells why he resigned as coach of the Pauls Valley Training School eleven . . . "I just couldn't develop a running attack," says Al. "My backs were afraid to gallop more than 15 yards for fear one of the guards would part their hair with a '30-30'."

The White Sox have retired from the bidding for Bennie McCoy . . . Couldn't talk the same language as the other clubs . . . Eddie Mead's new wife, the former Gloria Youngblood, has succeeded in making Eddie stop supporting the bookies and takes a manager's license . . . Sam Balters told his coast-to-coast audience Friday night American League dough will install arcs for the St. Louis Browns.

Today's guest star. Dick Freeman, Houston Chronicle: "It's sad but true . . . A telephone call to Rice field house brought this doleful response: 'He's gone over to the hospital to see his team.'"

So what? dept. Eddie Anderson was Knute Rockne's first football substitute and Jim Harris, now Anderson's assistant at Iowa, was Rockne's last . . . Lee Savold has a cousin named Mayo hanging in the Luther College Glee Club . . . The Central Y.M.C.A. of (you guessed it) Brooklyn is running a contest for the best built man and the winner may be featured at one of the Dodgers' night games . . . Pedro Montanez's early ambition was to be a matador, but Pedro won't say whether he changed his mind when he saw his first ring fight or his first bull fight . . . Kansas State has a star free-style swimmer named Leo Yeo and a good loud yecow for Leo.

Also is said to have been known as a beverage as early as 404 B.C.

Flashes of good basketball against Harlingen and Edinburg last week and may find themselves soon.

It was announced Saturday that Miss Marjorie Seabough of Wilson Tract will referee the girls' game Monday night and C. L. Fincher the boys' game.

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LITTLE CHANGE IN FARMS PREDICTED

Major Loops To Sit Tight This Season

What Future Holds Is Question

By JUDSON BAILEY
NEW YORK.—(AP)—In spite of all the clamor and confusion, baseball's farm systems are likely to look essentially the same next summer as they did last season.

Shelton, who has been the repeated bombings of Commissioner Keneedy's Mountain Landis which included making 91 Detroit farm hands free agents, the major league managers are too astounded by his latest proposal for abolishment of the chain gangs altogether to comment on the validity of the plan.

But there is a unanimity of opinion that the Landis program of training schools, subsidies to minor leagues and elimination of optional assignments is a long-range shot and does not affect materially the muddled 1940 situation.

To Stay Put
As to the consequences of his previous seven-point declaration of restrictions on farm operations, the big league owners are not in agreement. However, most of them have decided to run the gauntlet on the theory that operations which were bonafide in 1939 will continue to be this year.

A hasty survey shows only the New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers considering any considerable curtailment of working agreements. How sweeping their cut may be remains to be seen.

On the other side of the picture the New York Giants are going ahead with all the farm clubs chosen previously. In addition they have seen fit to arrange one new working agreement since the Landis ukase of January 15.

In Pittsburgh President William E. Benavenger of the Pirates said: "I don't believe the Landis bulletin makes any change in our set-up and we have not withdrawn working agreements with any clubs."

Bees Expand
In Boston Billy Evans said the Red Sox would continue their normal farm operations. And the Bees not only are planning to maintain last year's system but are expanding into the Interstate League.

Clark Griffith said he saw no need for curtailment, but added: "Detroit's been hit a pretty hard blow. (By Landis' ruling making 91 players free agents). I am afraid it's going to hurt them and naturally some minor leagues. Baseball, however, will go on."

Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics expressed a personal belief that "Landis' ruling was a good one." While the A's working agreements haven't been completed he didn't foresee any great revision. The Phillies intend to expand. The Chicago White Sox have decided to drop a couple of small clubs, but the Cubs will have the same lineup.

The Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians, both with fairly extensive farm operations, are standing pat for the present and are likely to continue connections in the minors through the 1940 season.

Browns Sit Tight
Detroit is attempting to clear away its shambles and reorganize while the St. Louis Browns, which own three clubs and had working agreements with seven others last season, quietly wait to see how far they can go this year.

A possible temporary solution for the problems of the Cardinals and Yankees, whose operations are incomparably more complex than those of other clubs, was held forth Friday night by President William G. Brannan of the National Association (of minor leagues), who asked Landis to postpone some of his prohibitions until after the 1940 season so that the clubs would have a chance to straighten out their affairs.

Goon Henry Will Battle Manacker

McALLEN—(AP)—Jim Henry, a man George Chapapas imported from Florida for a match several months ago, returns to McAllen Tuesday night to wrestle Sam Manacker of Massachusetts in the main event bout.

Jim earned the "Goon" part of his name because of his huge arms which remind you of the character made famous in the Popeye cartoon strip.

Manacker, Chapapas said Saturday, is ranked sixth among heavyweight grapplers in the United States.

The semi-final brings together El Pulpo, the Mexican flash, and Jack League. The latter will referee the main event bout.

Our Mat Takes In San Felipe Money

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—A high-priced outsider, Our Mat, won the \$10,000 San Felipe Handicap horse race at Santa Anita Park Saturday. Lassator was second and Sun Egret third.

The race was run without competition from Charles Howard's two potent threats, the mighty Seabiscuit and Kayak II. The champion Seabiscuit was withdrawn Friday night and Kayak Saturday.

Our Mat paid \$26, \$14.40 and \$8.40 on \$2 mutuel tickets. Lassator paid 10.80 and \$7.60 and Sun Egret \$9.40. Our Mat did the six furlongs in one minute, 10 2-5 seconds.

The mutuel handle for the race was \$122,063.

DIZZY HAS HIS HEADACHES



Texas League Prexy Plans To Streamline His Loop

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS.—(AP)—J. Alvin Gardner, oil man-baseball executive, expects the Texas League to become the first organization of its kind to adopt airplane transportation.

The league has \$100,000 in idle money and five of the eight club owners are in favor of the plan.

The 46-year-old president, who took the job for two years and has been persuaded to stay 11, said Saturday, it might require a couple of seasons to get his idea across but he felt certain all the owners would fall in line.

Under Gardner's plan the league would purchase a first-class plane that would transport 21 persons,

Hunting Good

Down Mexico Way Says Guide

BROWNSVILLE.—Hunting may be over in Texas, but there is still plenty of it in Mexico, and you can take Vincent Stevenson's word for that.

The Brownsville guide, who outfits and pilots hunting parties into Mexico's interior, says that the game is plentiful if you know where to go for it.

But there are certain requirements would-be hunters in Mexico must meet. In view of the current popularity of Mexico hunting Stevenson Saturday listed the necessary permissions which prospective nimrods must obtain before starting on their trek for game.

At present in Mexico it is open season on geese, that is, until January 31. The pheasant season continues until March 15, sandhill crane to February 28, turkey to February 15, doves until March 31, ducks until April 15, wild hogs until April 30, and deer (south of Fernando) until February 15. Stevenson said it is also open season at present on several other types of game.

The hunter going into Mexico must have a tourist pass, which costs about 80 cents; a car permit, 80 cents; a hunting license, \$2; a cash bond of nearly \$100, which is returned; permission from Mexican military authorities for the guns; and permission from the Mexican customs for guns and other equipment. In lieu of the cash bond, the hunter may purchase a bond for about \$4.50.

To bring the game back to the United States, all that is necessary is a Mexican permit to export and an American customs import declaration, together with permission from the state of Texas. Any game can be brought back as long as the season is open, and within ten days after close of the season.

Sweepstakes Winner



Forced to stay out of the first few races, Mel Wainwright, (above), champion of the Oklahoma-Texas circuit, finally got his car working and won two events Saturday at the midwest auto race card held as a feature of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair. He climaxed his performance by winning the feature 25-mile sweepstakes, final event on the card. With his car in good working order, Wainwright is favored to take down some firsts in Sunday's race program.

Southern To Continue Use Of Play-Off

Several New Laws Are Adopted

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—(AP)—Southern Association directors adopted Saturday a 154-game schedule and voted to continue the Shaughnessy Playoff with the winner to meet the Texas League champions in the Dixie Series.

Provision also was made for the club to carry one rookie and one class player during the first 30 days and final 30 days of the season in addition to the 17 regular players. Salaries for the extra men will not be included in the \$5,200 league limit.

Directors decided to seek authority from Judge W. G. Bramham, president of the minor leagues, to continue payment of \$2,000 to players of the club finishing on top in the regular season and a like amount to winners of the play-off. Bramham has ordered the payments to cease on the ground they are bonuses which are barred by baseball law.

Through a resolution, directors voted to seek an amendment to National Association laws to allow clubs to pay bonuses to class men signing after being declared free agents. Bonuses now are limited to rookies.

The association awarded gold passes to W. A. West, former director of the Birmingham club, and to U. S. District Judge John D. Martin, who served as league president for 19 years, retiring in 1937.

Paul Florence of the Cincinnati-operated Birmingham club was named a director of the association and New Orleans was empowered to choose its director at a club meeting next week.

The schedule provides for four trips around the circuit, with the season opening April 12 and closing September 8.

Opening games, previously announced, holiday games and closing games:

April 12—Nashville at Atlanta, Chattanooga at Knoxville, New Orleans at Birmingham, Memphis at Little Rock.

April 16—Atlanta at Chattanooga, Knoxville at Nashville, Birmingham at Memphis, Little Rock at New Orleans.

July 4—Nashville at Atlanta, Knoxville at Chattanooga, New Orleans at Little Rock, Birmingham at Memphis.

September 2 (Labor Day)—Atlanta at New Orleans, Chattanooga at Birmingham, Little Rock at Nashville, Memphis at Knoxville.

September 8 (closing day)—Little Rock at Atlanta, Memphis at Chattanooga, Birmingham at Knoxville, New Orleans at Nashville.

Philadelphia Clubs Like Landis' Plan

PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—Both the Athletics and Phillies endorsed Saturday Baseball Commissioner Landis' proposed cooperative plan between major and minor leagues in acquiring and developing of young players.

"Judge Landis' plan is OK with me," declared Connie Mack, manager and president of the Athletics. "It's splendid—if it can be worked out and everybody strictly conforms," said Gerry Nugent, Philadelphia prexy.

Gus Lesnevich Given Another Conn Bout

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Gus Lesnevich will have another try at Billy Conn's light-heavyweight world's championship here February 28. Promoter Mike Jacobs announced Saturday.

The two battled last summer with Conn the victor. The bout will go 18 rounds.

Owls Come From Behind To Defeat Bears 52-44



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HOUSTON.—(AP)—With all of the "chips" on the line, Coach Buster Brannan's Rice Owls turned on the best in the final seven minutes of play Saturday night to defeat the Baylor Bears, 52 to 44, in a rough and tumble battle that saw 39 personal fouls called and a half dozen technicals.

Trailing through the first half, the Owls came back in the final period, limited Baylor to four goals from the floor and pulled away to a decision that enabled them to keep little hopes burning.

Fenske Wins Over Glenn

Races Fast Mile In Prout Games

By BILL KING

BOSTON.—(AP)—Supposedly, slowed down by a heavy cold, bespectacled Chuck Fenske of Madison, Wis., raced the fastest indoor mile of the current season, a 4:10.3 effort, to defeat the now-vulnerable Glenn Cunningham by three yards Saturday night in the Prout Memorial track meet at the Boston Garden.

Fenske gained his third indoor triumph over the 30-year-old Cunningham, who was striving for his sixth straight victory in the K of C event, before a widely cheering crowd of 10,000.

The winner's time was the second fastest made indoors in Boston, three-tenths of a second slower than Cunningham's 4:10 triumph in the 1938 Boston A. A. games.

Fenske took command from Archie San Romani of Kansas, who placed third, after they made eight of the required 11 turns.

When Fenske spurred into the lead, Cunningham followed him up from fourth place in the seven-man field but was unable to call upon enough of his famous closing kick when the Wisconsin star threw his throttle wide open for the last half lap.

San Romani was almost nipped for third by Lou Zamperini of Torrance, Calif., the intercollegiate mile champion. Indiana's Tom Deckard placed fifth. He was followed by Blaine Rideout, of Denton, Tex., and John Munskei of the University of Missouri.

It was the second time in two weeks that Cunningham, owner of the 4:04.4 indoor world record, has been beaten here. He trailed Gene Venske by a yard in the Veterans of Foreign Wars mile.

Last season Fenske out-footed Glenn twice on the boards, in New York and Chicago.

A skillfully-timed burst of speed carried Charles E. Blum, of Columbus, Ohio, from fifth place in the last lap to a three-yard victory over Hal Cagle of Oklahoma City and four others Saturday night in the Prout "600," a feature of the Prout Memorial track meet at Boston Garden.

Beetham thrilled the 10,000 with the mighty spurt that swept him to the tape in 1:12.5.

Wayne Rideout, the Denton, Tex., twin, turned in a sensational 2:13.9 effort to beat John Borican of Elberon, N. J., the indoor half mile record holder, by a yard in the Cheverus "1,000," which also had a six-man field. Rideout took the lead from the Negro star about halfway through the race and held on grimly until the end.

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Javelinas Looking Ahead To 1940 Gridiron Season

KINGSVILLE.—(Sp)—With 18 out of 24 lettermen returning, five of them all-Alamo Conference first stringers, Coach A. Y. McCallum figures his Texas A. and Javelina gridders will be able to afford an interesting afternoon to even such spectacular opponents as the A. and M. Aggies, the Rice Owls, the San Jose Spartans and the boys from Arkansas A. and M. The list of lettermen this week for letters at A. and I contained 24 names, and graduation or other ineligibility will erase just six.

When Alamo Conference coaches and players selected an all conference team last fall, they named six Javelinas, and Kenneth Grimes, quarter, is the only one who won't answer the roll when the Hogs raise the 1940 curtain in San Jose, California, Sept. 16. Three lettermen will be after Grimes' position: Carl Dillon, Buford Dugger, and Elmo Hilburn. Big Sacks Mattingly, one of the nation's leading scorers in 1939, will be on hand, as will Tugger Hall, Gilbert Steinke, J. D. Hilliard, Sam Hawkins, and possibly a transfer or two from the line.

Steward Clarkson, almost unanimous choice for all conference center, was so outstanding in stopping West Texas' famous "Flippin" Foster Watkins and clinching a tie for the title last fall that he may be moved back for a try at the backfield. Line Coach Cal E. Jewett thinks Clarkson can be spared from a line which yielded less than a dozen first downs during the season, and a backfield composed of Clarkson, Mattingly, Steinke and Hall or Dugger should be about everything necessary for a successful defense of the Alamo Conference title.

With a schedule listing the nation's number 1 grid team, the nation's top scoring team, a second member of the Southwest Conference,

Washington Job Is Still Open

ST. LOUIS.—(AP)—The question of whether to go in for football in a big way apparently was holding up the naming of a successor to Jimmy Conzelman as head football coach at Washington University.

It has been two weeks since Conzelman resigned under pressure by one faction of the alumni that wants a team of national reputation. This group brought Dr. John (Jack) Sutherland, former Pitt coach, here for a conference with University officials and it was understood he would accept the job providing the basic athletic program was broadened somewhat.

Another faction favors a continuation of the "middle of the road" policy and is leaning toward Jimmy Kinney, former Rice Institute coach. He met with the athletic board for the second time Saturday, but it was said no official offer had been made to him.

There are at least 30 other applicants for the job.

Scalzi Returns To New Orleans Club

NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—Frank Scalzi, former New Orleans shortstop who was declared a free agent in 1939 and peddled his contract to the New York Giants, has returned to a berth with New Orleans.

The former University of Alabama star who broke into baseball with Zanesville, Ohio, in 1936, complained last year that the Cleveland Indians were retarding his advancement and Commissioner Landis declared him a free agent.

The Giants purchased Scalzi outright last July for a reported \$5,000 bonus but Scalzi stayed in the lineup for only 11 games for a major league batting mark of .333.

TENNIS TOURNAYS

AUSTIN.—(AP)—Dr. D. A. Pennick of the University of Texas Saturday announced the Texas Sectional Tennis Association annual tournament for men, juniors and boys would be held at the Golfcrest Tennis Club, Houston, beginning June 3rd.

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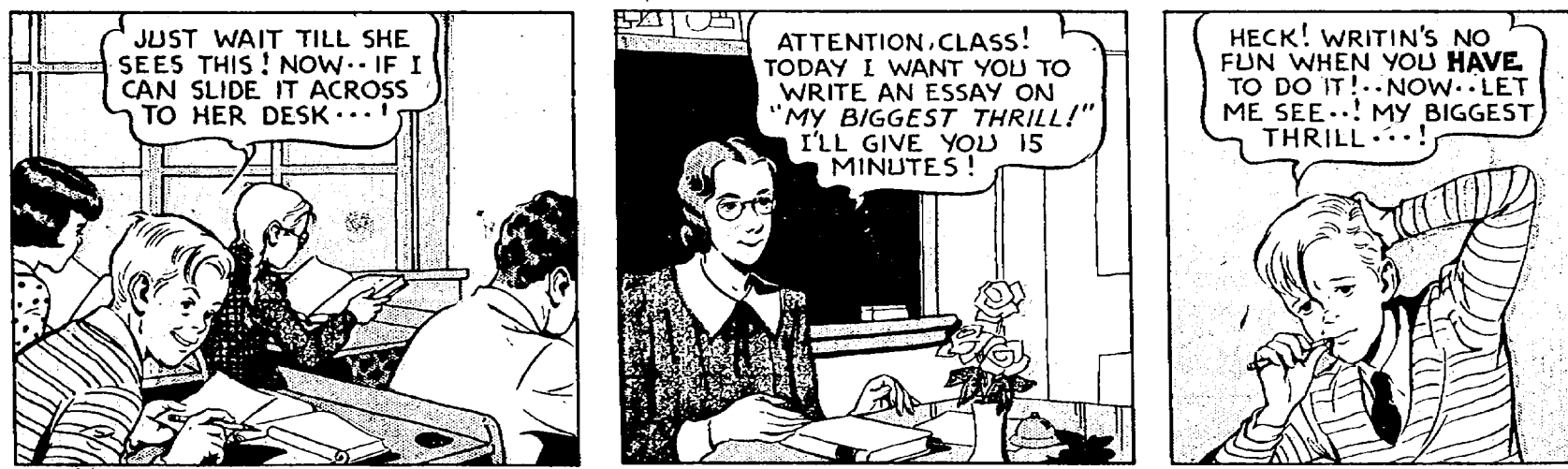
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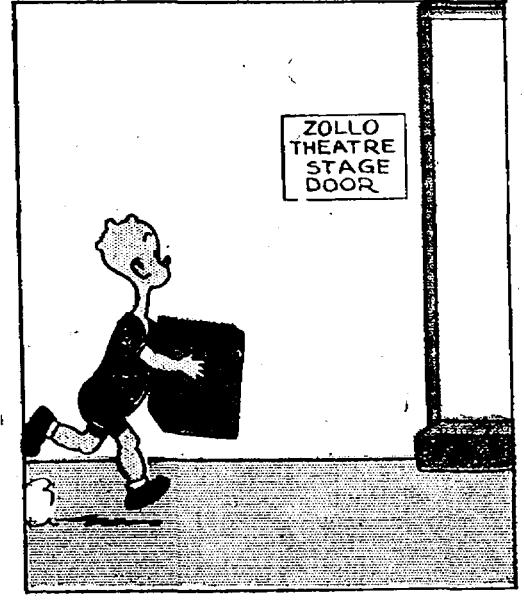
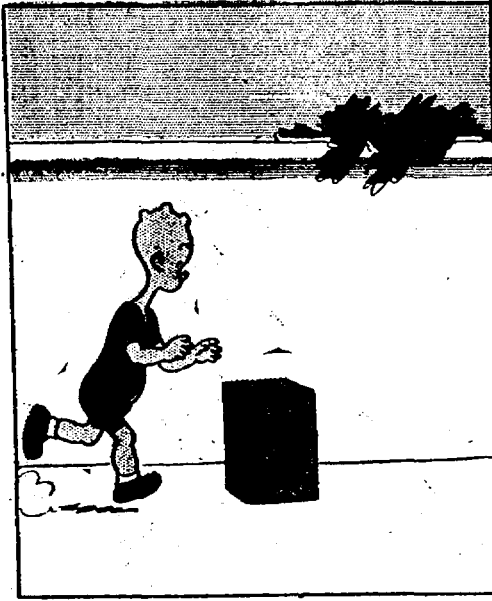
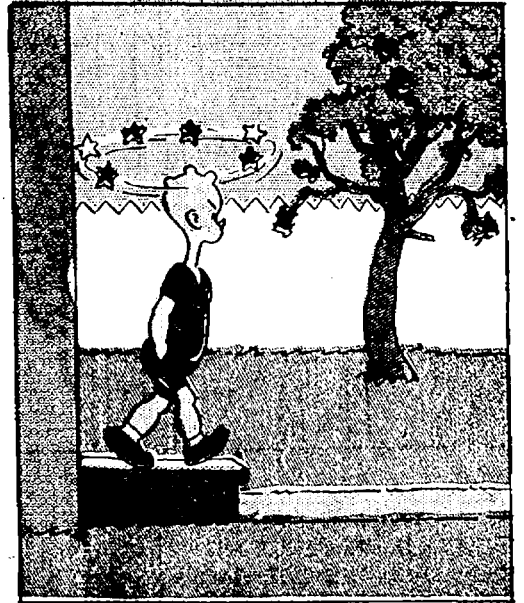
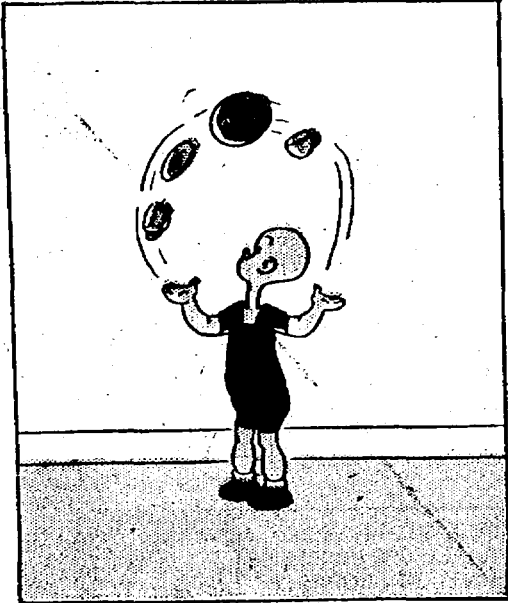
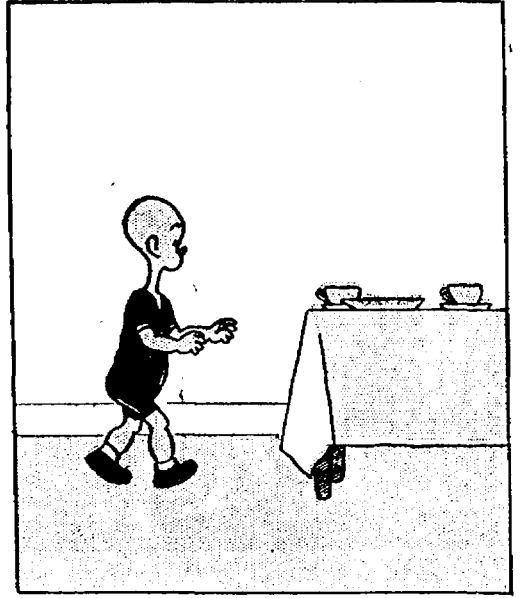


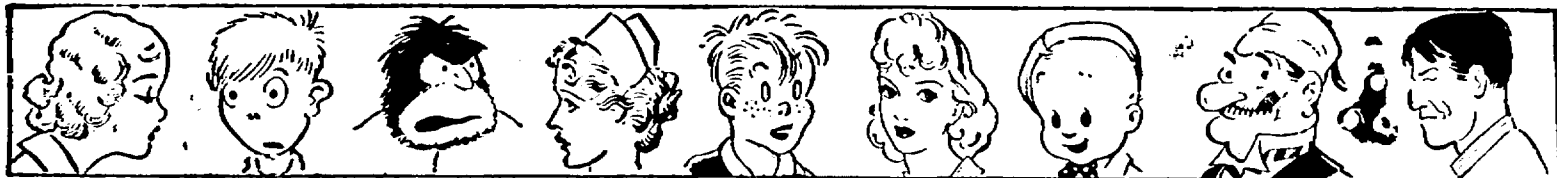
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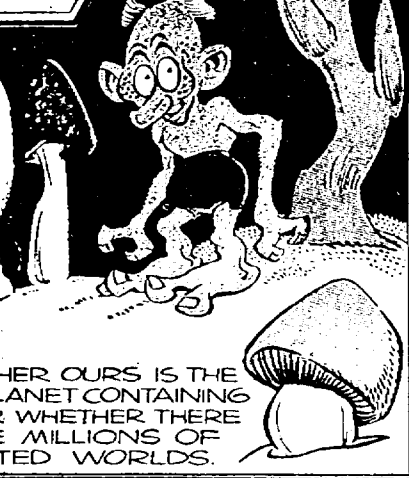
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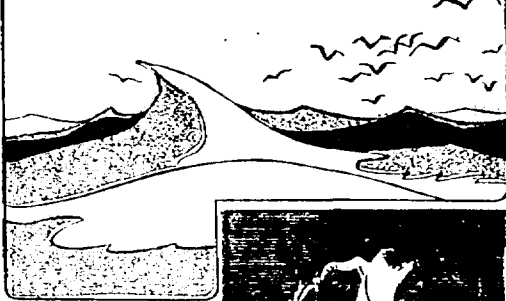
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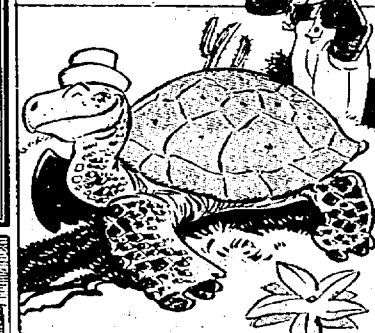
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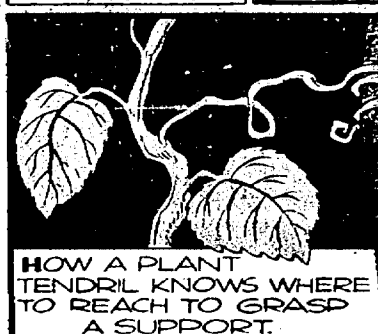
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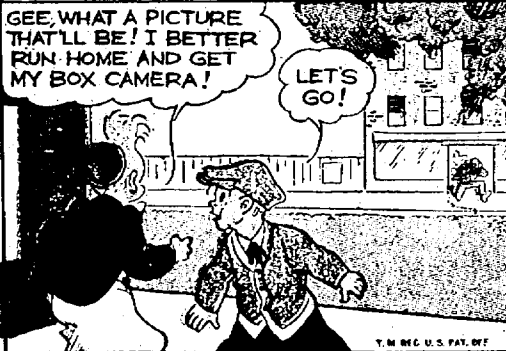
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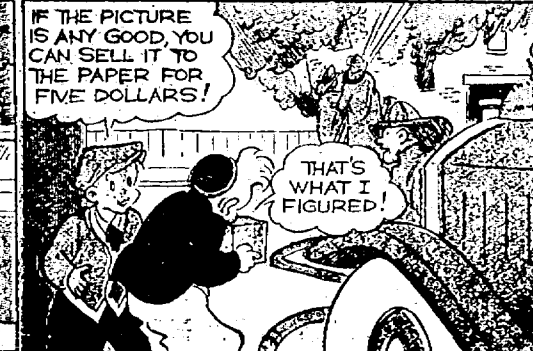
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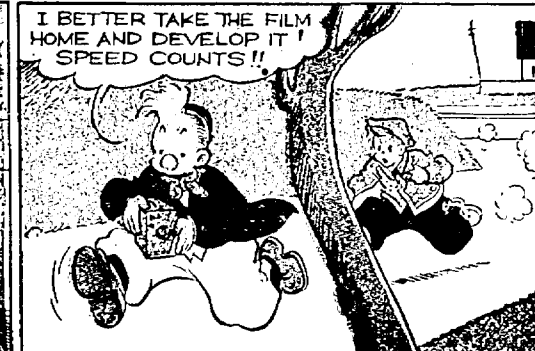
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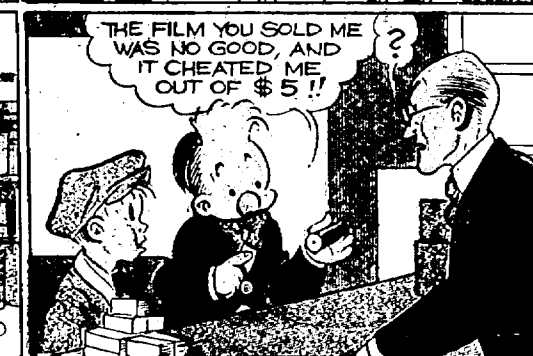


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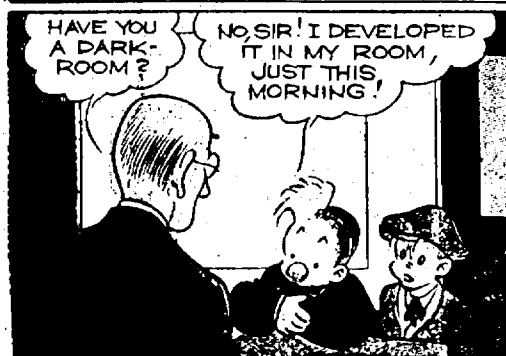


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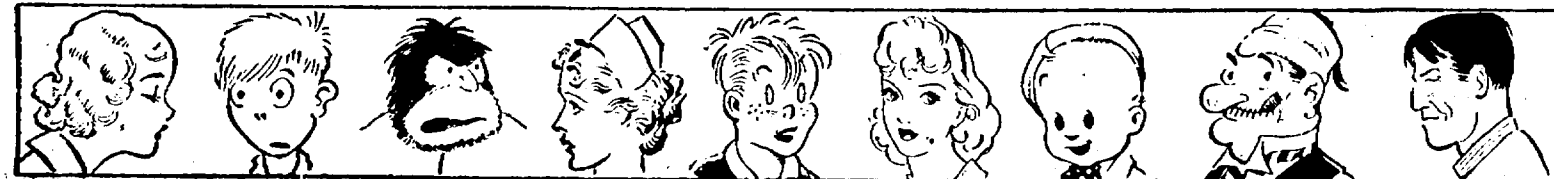
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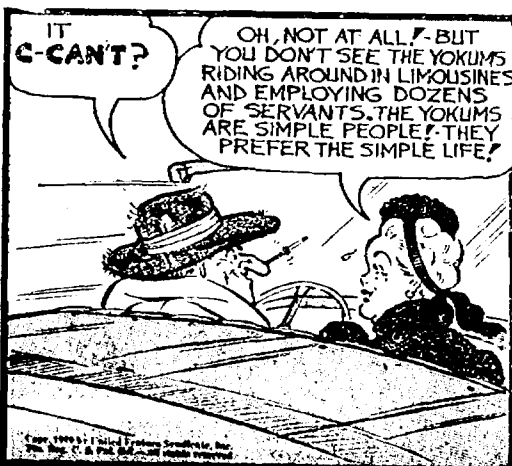
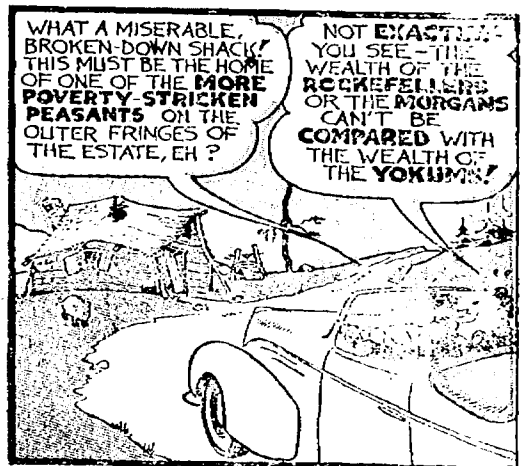
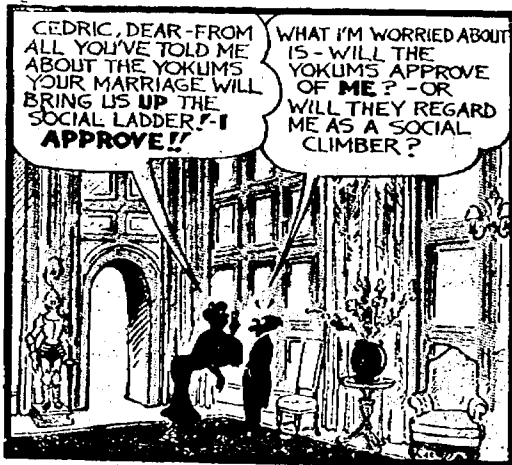
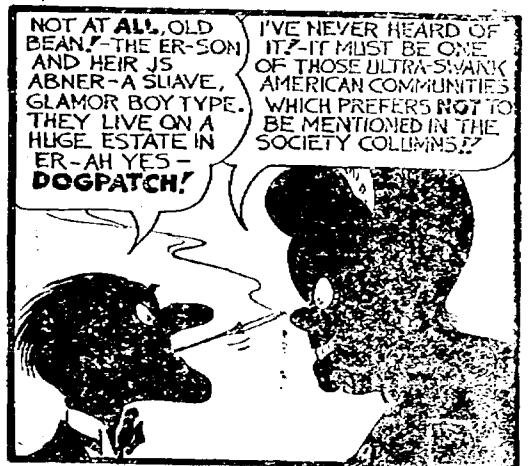
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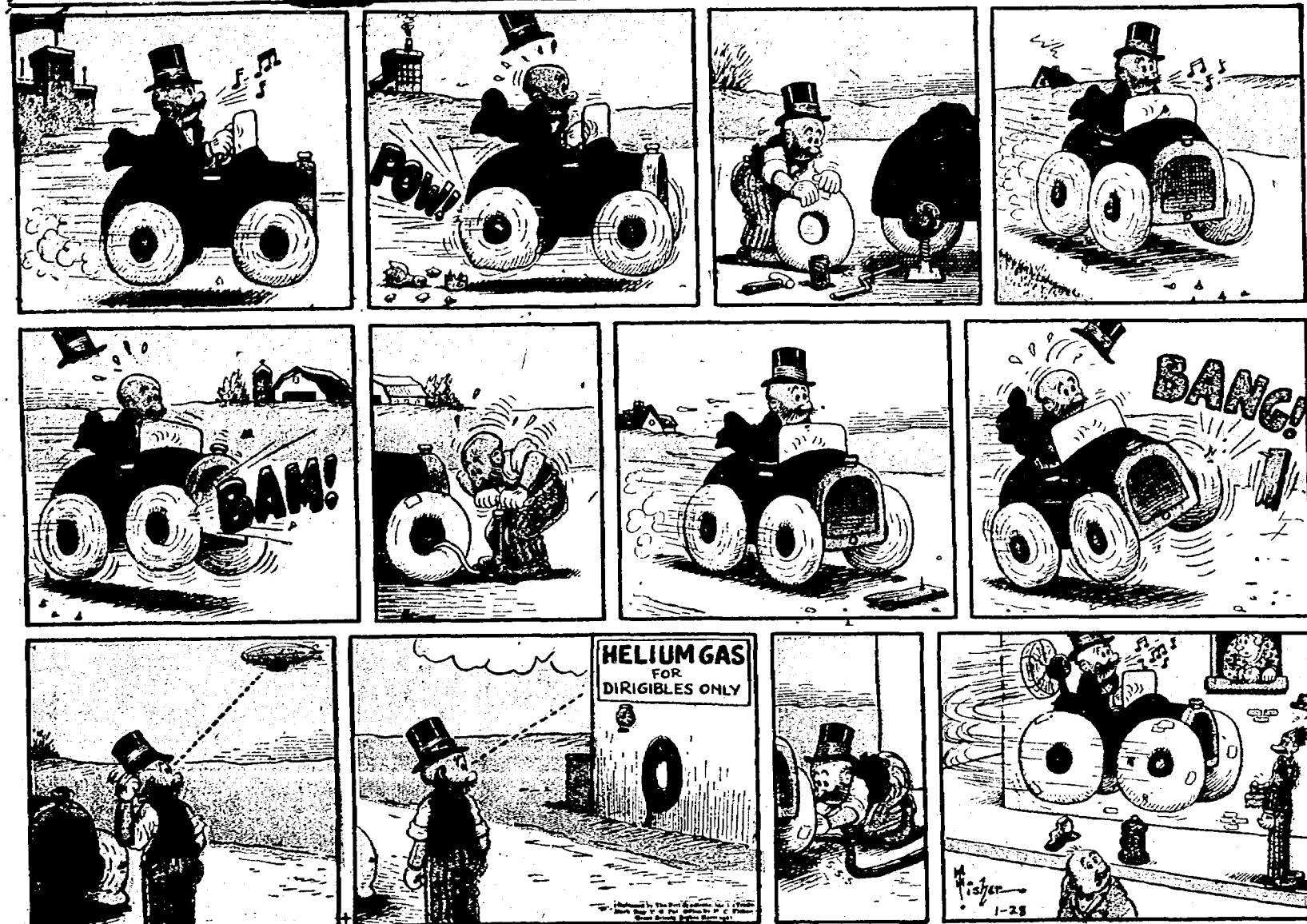
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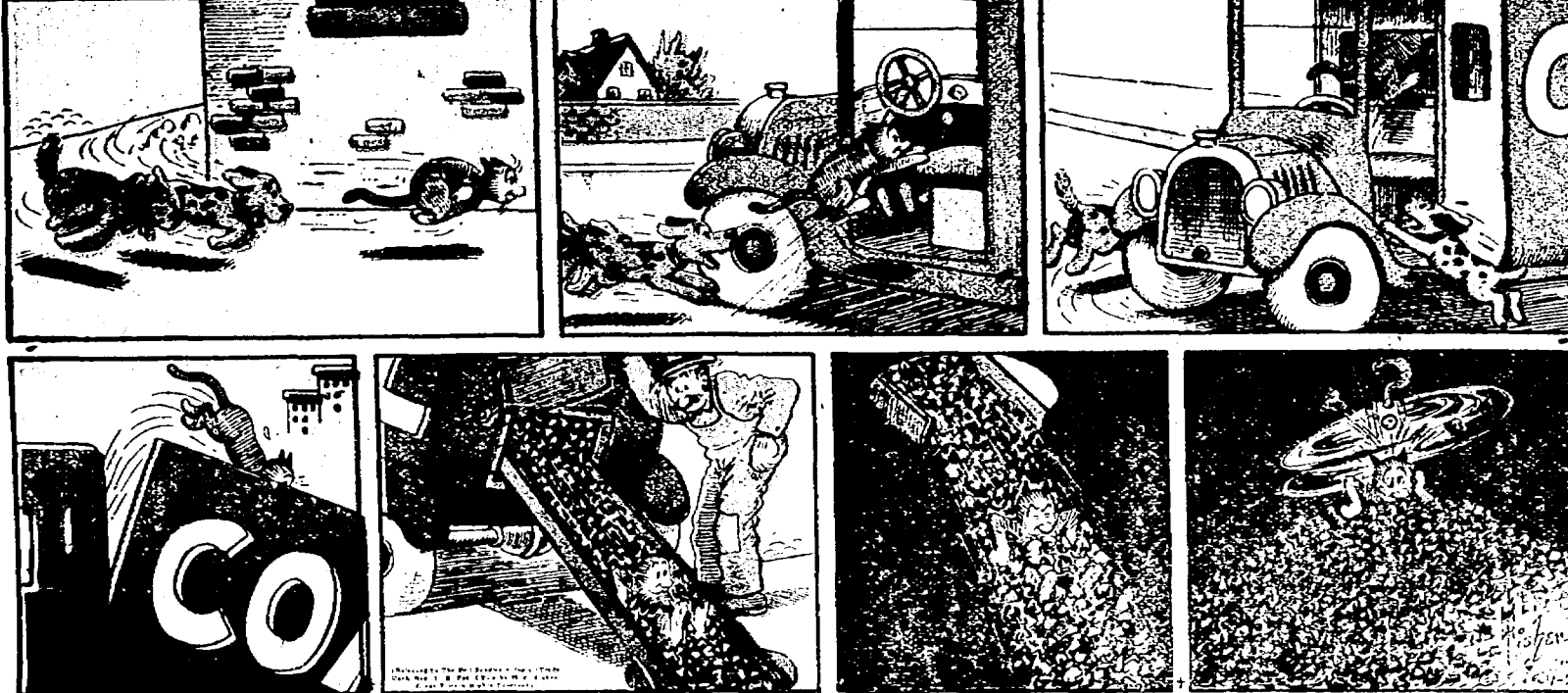
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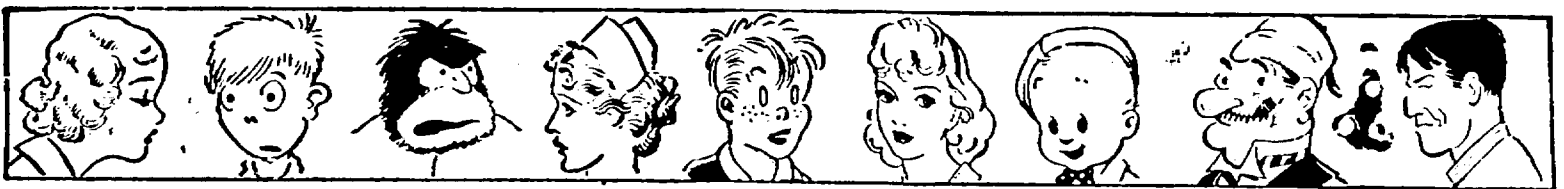
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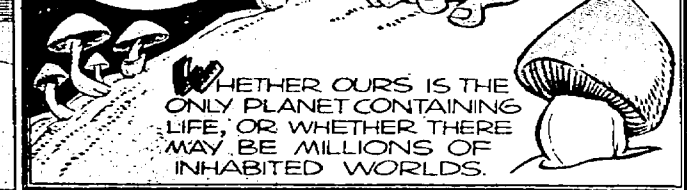


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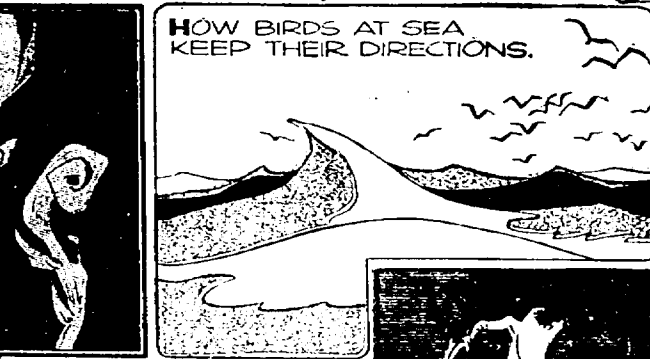
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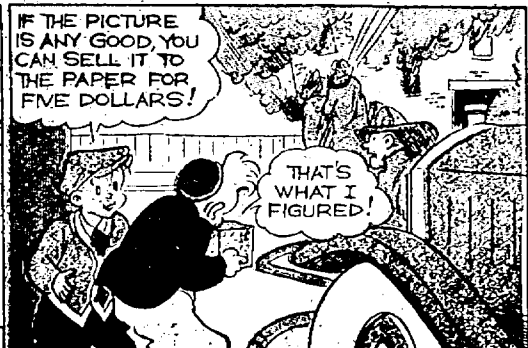
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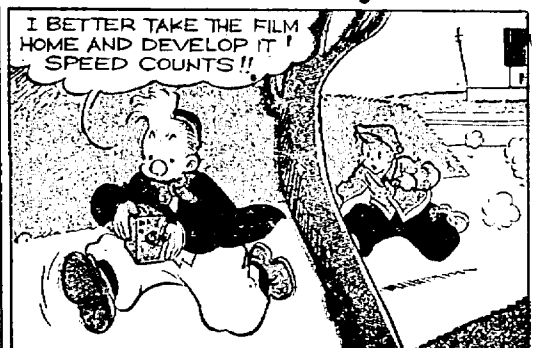
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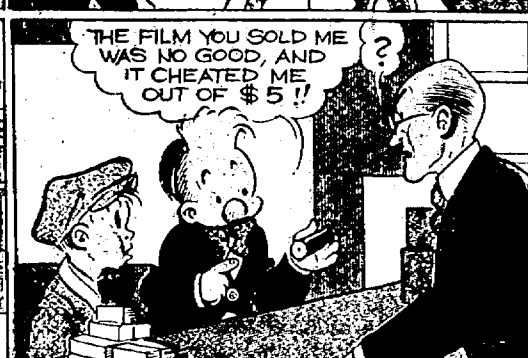


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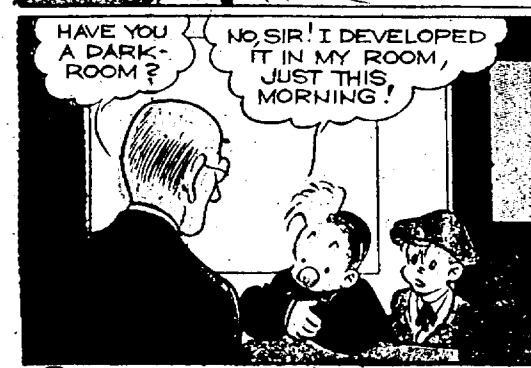


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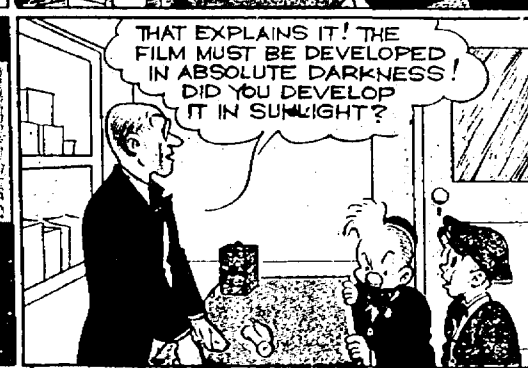
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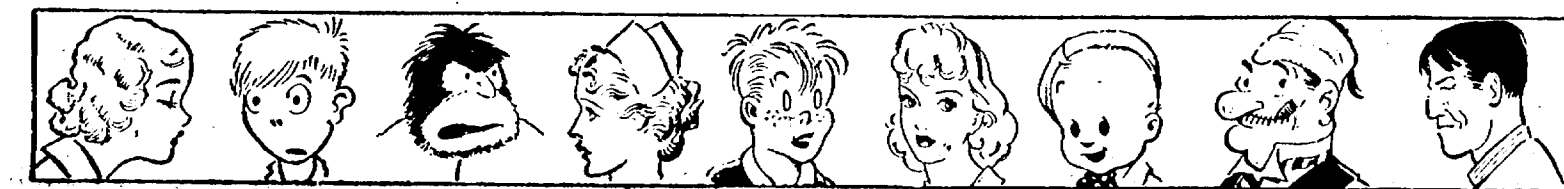
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BOOM!

ALLEY OOP AND ENEAS, OUT TO "GET" A TYRANNICAL RULER, FIND THE GOING IN THIS STRANGE LAND A BIT TOUGH. WHILE HAVING SUFFERED NO BODILY HARM, THEIR NERVES ARE BEGINNING TO FRAZZLE

SAY, OOP DID YOU HEAR THAT HORRIBLE LAUGH? IT GAVE ME THE CREEPS!

THIS WHOLE PLACE GIVES ME TH' WILLIES!

BANG! CLANG BANG CRASH BANG!

LISTEN! WHAT WAS THAT?

I DUNNO-- IT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE UP AHEAD

OH, OH! SOMETHING'S COMING UP THE TRAIL! QUICK--LET'S GET BACK IN THE BRUSH!

GOOD IDEA-- THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN ARMY!

THAT MIGHTA BEEN AN ARMY ONCE, BUT IT'S JUST A MOB NOW! WOW! LOOKIT 'EM GO!

WITH FEAR LENDING SPEED TO THEIR FEET!

NOW WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE CAUSED THAT STAMPEDE?

GOSH, ENEAS. Y'GOT ME!

CRASH!

MY GOLLY! NO WONDER THOSE POOR DOPES WERE SCARED! DIDJUH GIT A LOOK AT THAT MUG THAT WUZ CHASIN' 'EM?

METHINKS THAT 'MUG', AS YOU CALLED HIM, IS THE TERRIBLE TYRANT WE'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR-- BUT HE WASN'T CHASING THAT MOB

HE WASN'T?

NO, ALLEY--THAT CREATURE WAS ALSO FLEEING IN MORTAL TERROR! COME ON-- WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT GOES ON

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT TO WHERE WE BEEN GOIN'-- BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING TO BE SCARED OF

WHATEVER IT IS, IT MUST BE INSIDE--SO BARE YOUR STEEL -- WE'RE GOING IN!

I WISH I HAD MY AX!

SHH! I THINK THE FRIGHTFUL THING WERE HUNTING IS JUST AROUND THE TURN IN THE CORRIDOR!

WELL, I'LL BE....!!

WELL, HELLO, BOYS! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN KEEP-ING YOUR-SELVES?

YES, EXPLAIN YOURSELVES! WHAT DETAINED YOU?

BOILED!

ONE GALLON OF GASOLINE CONTAINS 99,000,000 FOOT-POUNDS OF ENERGY

A TURKEY-LIKE BIRD WITH A THREE-INCH HORN GROWING OUT OF ITS FOREHEAD HAS JUST BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE JUNGLES OF BOLIVIA

SOME ANCIENT MARINERS PAINTED EYES ON THE BOWS OF THEIR VESSELS, SO THEIR CRAFT COULD "SEE" WHERE THEY WERE GOING

THE NEW MEXICAN HAIRLESS CAT, EXHIBITED AT CAT SHOWS THIRTY YEARS AGO, MAY HAVE BECOME AN EXTINCT BREED

HI, PAL

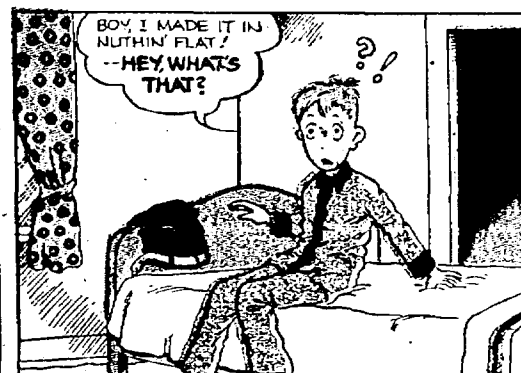
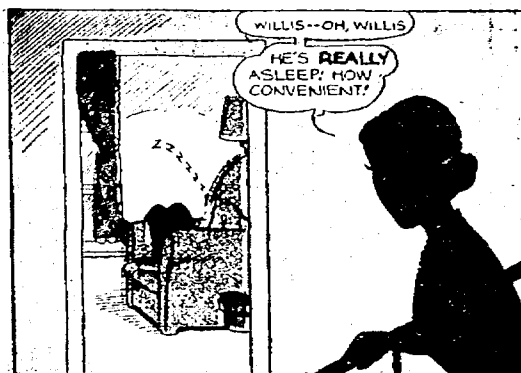
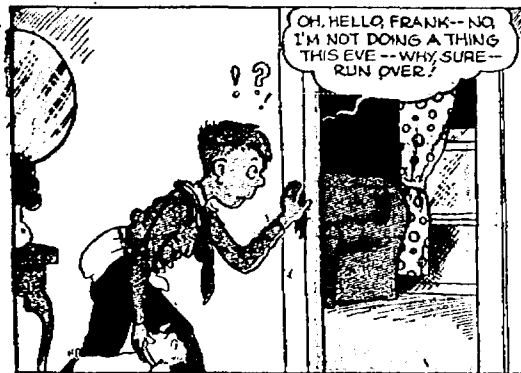
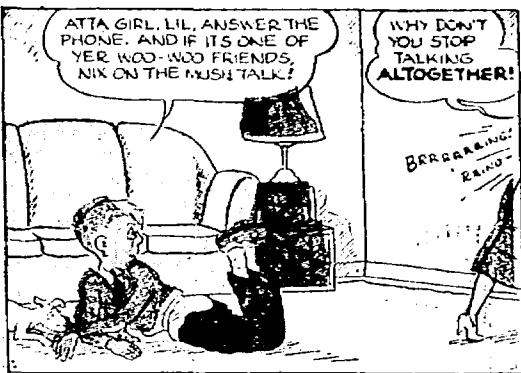
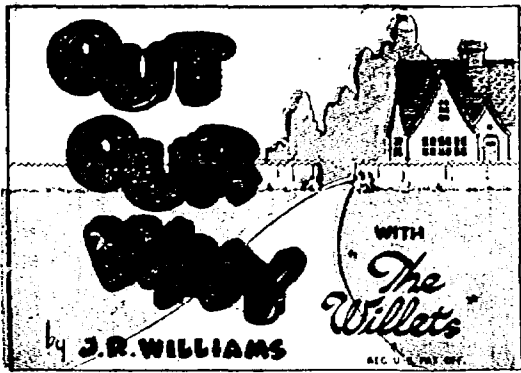
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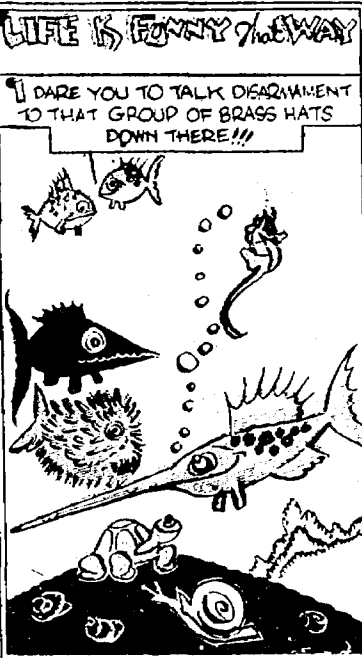
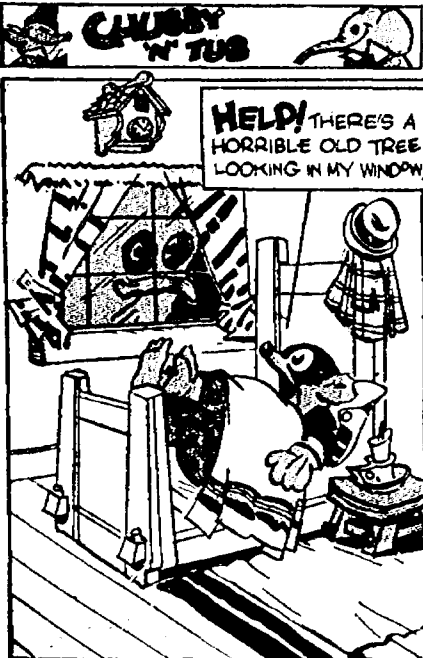
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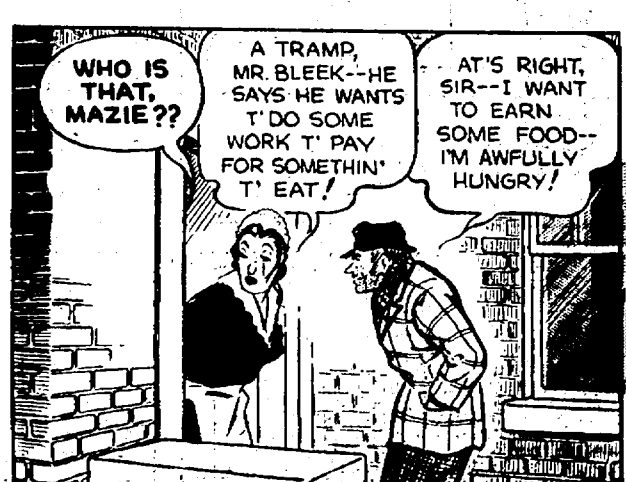
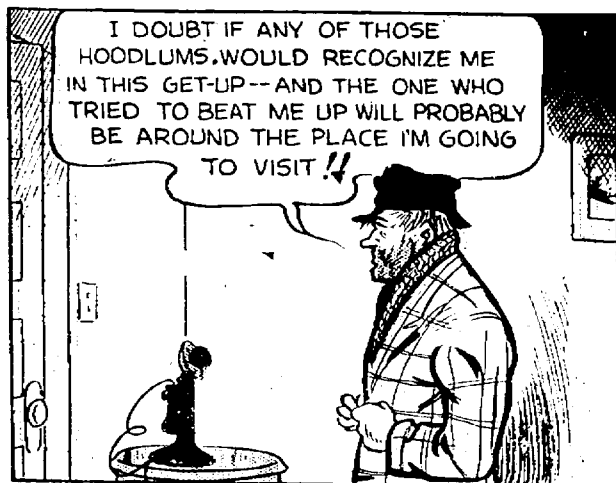
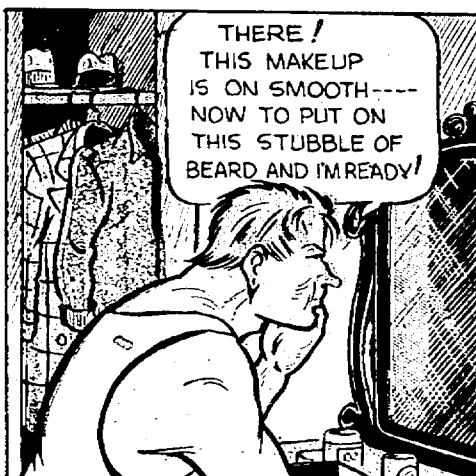
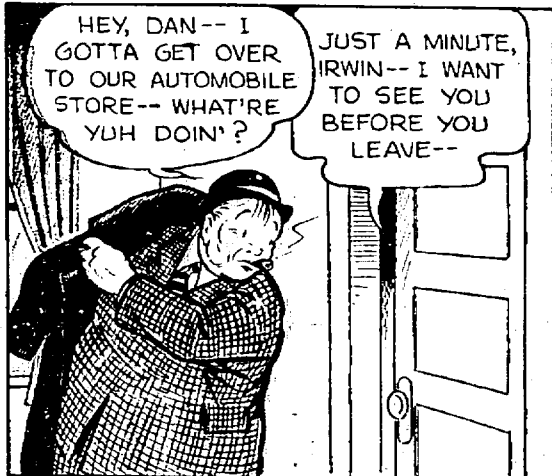
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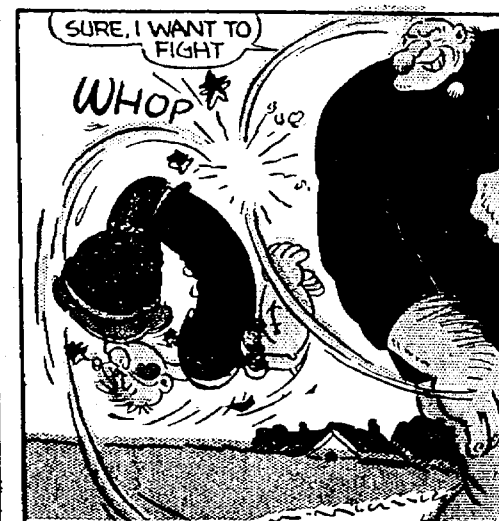


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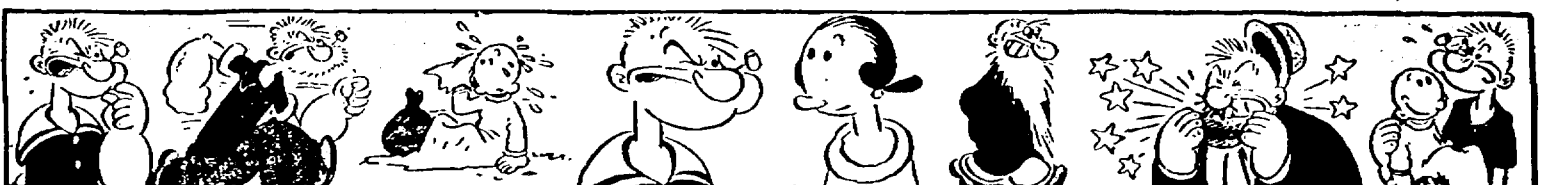
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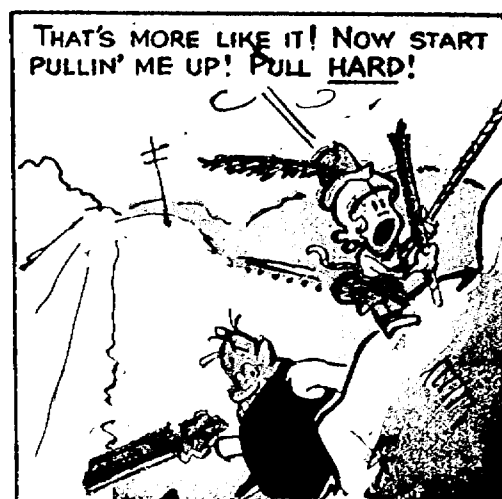
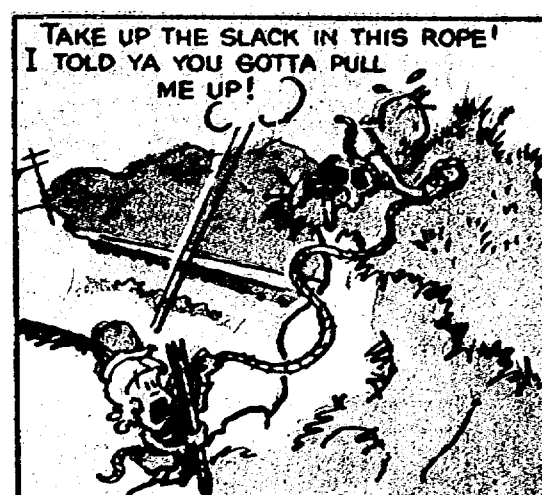
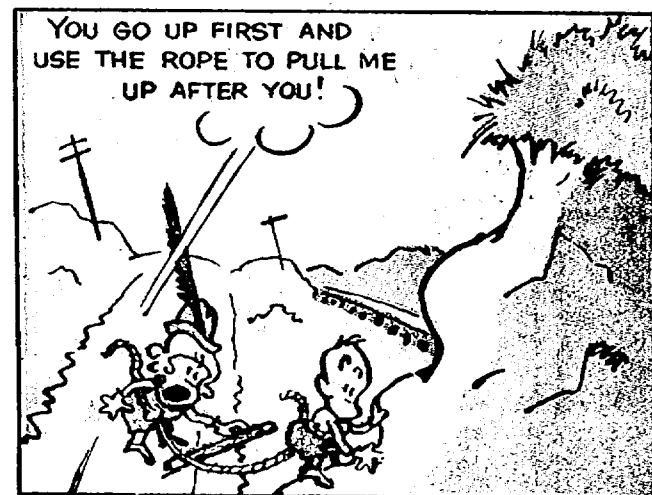
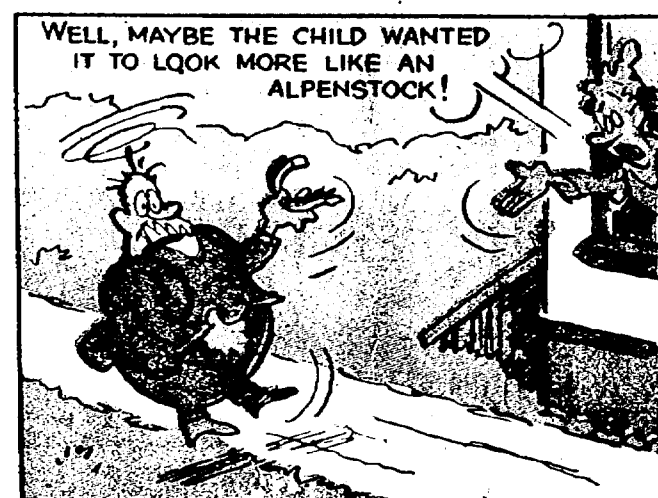
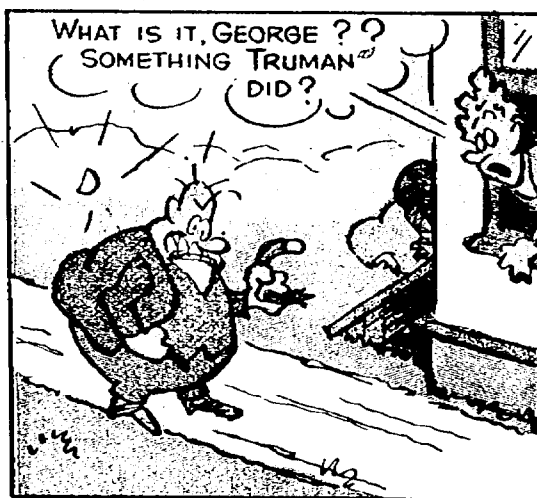


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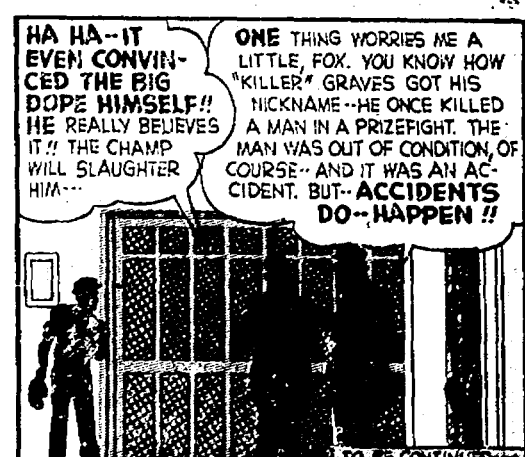
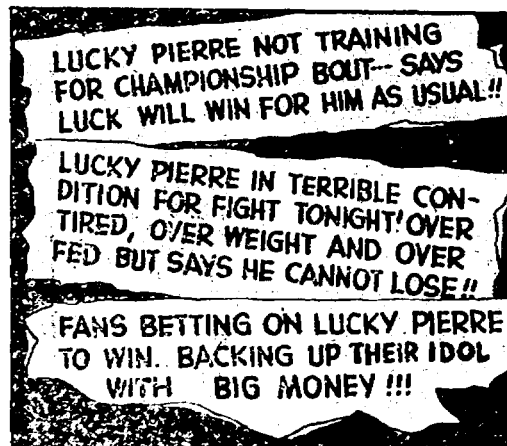
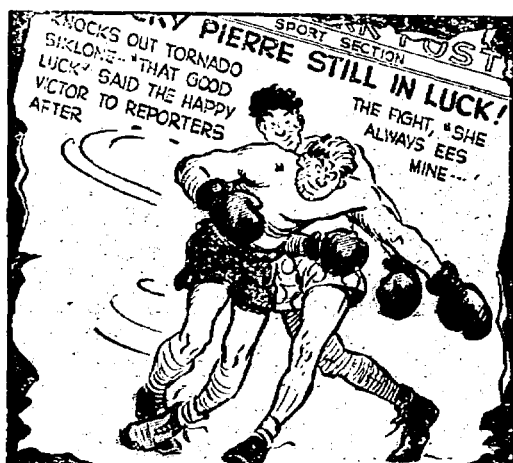
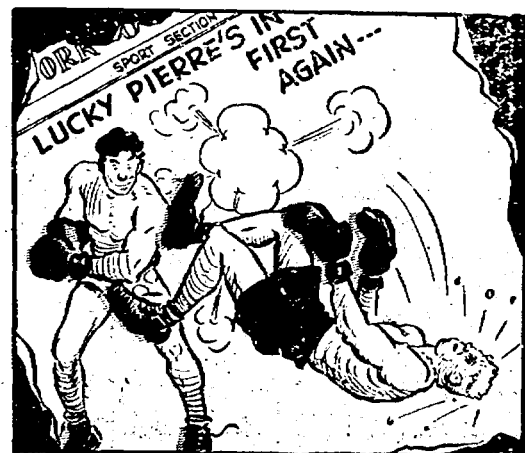
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IS GOOD BREAD

For MEN

ABBIE an' SLATS

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MISTER TRUMAN CUT THE FEATHER
OFF MY NEW HAT TO PUT IT IN
HIS'N SO HE COULD GO
MOUNTAIN CLIMBIN'!



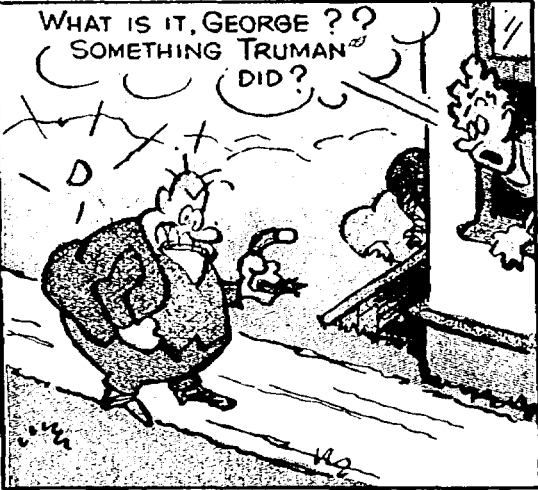
HELLO! WOT'S THAT ON THE
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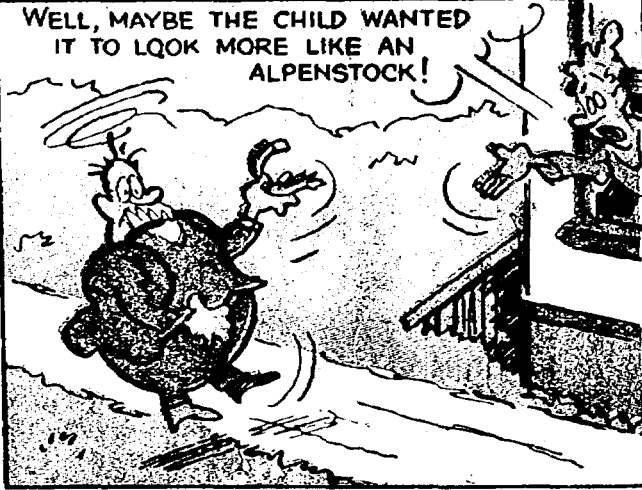
MISTER TRUMAN CHOPPED THAT HANDLE
OFF YOUR CANE AND TOOK THE OTHER
PART WITH HIM WHEN HE WENT MOUNTAIN
CLIMBIN'!



WHAT IS IT, GEORGE ??
SOMETHING TRUMAN
DID?



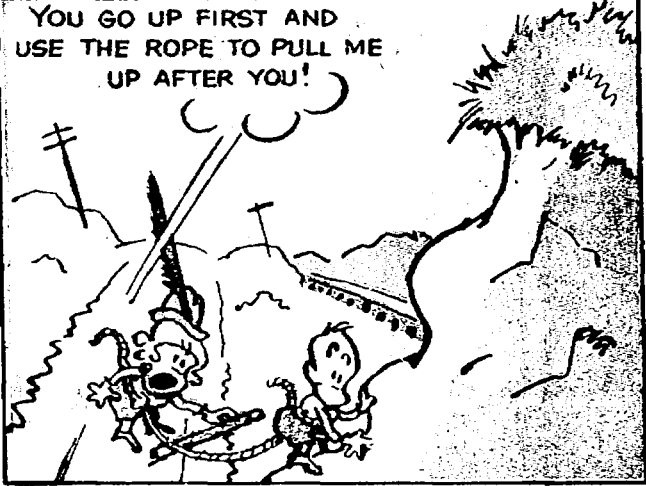
WELL, MAYBE THE CHILD WANTED
IT TO LQOK MORE LIKE AN
ALPENSTOCK!



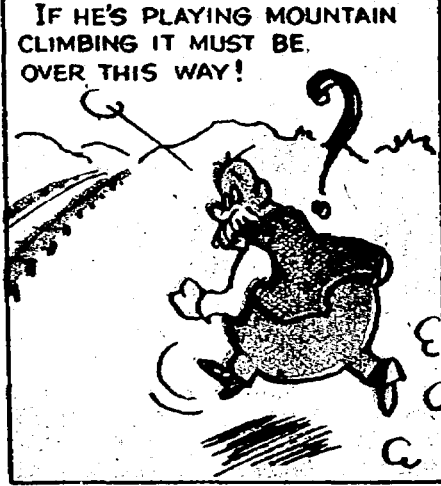
GEORGE! YOU, JAW-URGE!
DON'T YOU TOUCH TRUMAN!
DON'T YOU
DARE!!



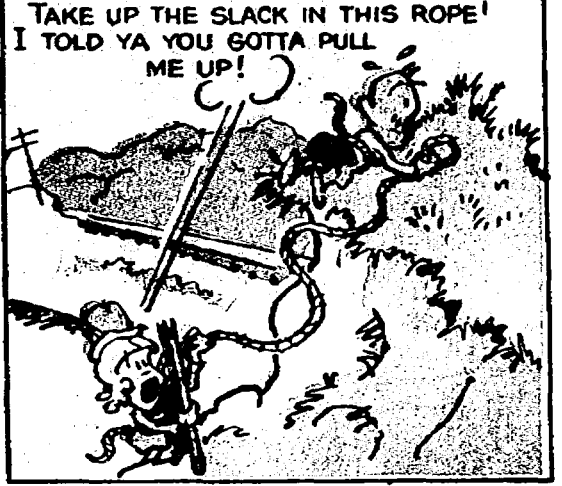
YOU GO UP FIRST AND
USE THE ROPE TO PULL ME
UP AFTER YOU!



IF HE'S PLAYING MOUNTAIN
CLIMBING IT MUST BE
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TAKE UP THE SLACK IN THIS ROPE!
I TOLD YA YOU GOTTA PULL
ME UP!



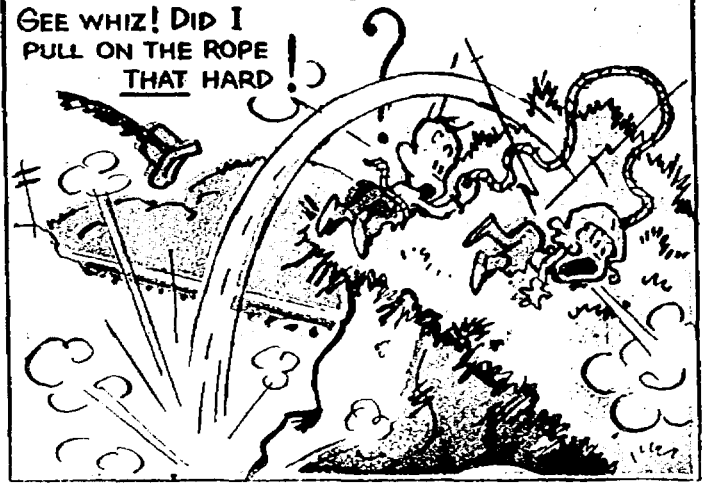
OH, BOY! OH, BOY!



THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! NOW START
PULLIN' ME UP! PULL HARD!



GEE WHIZ! DID I
PULL ON THE ROPE
THAT HARD!



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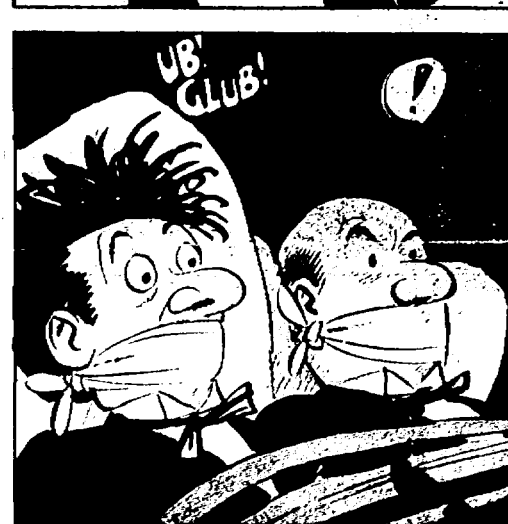
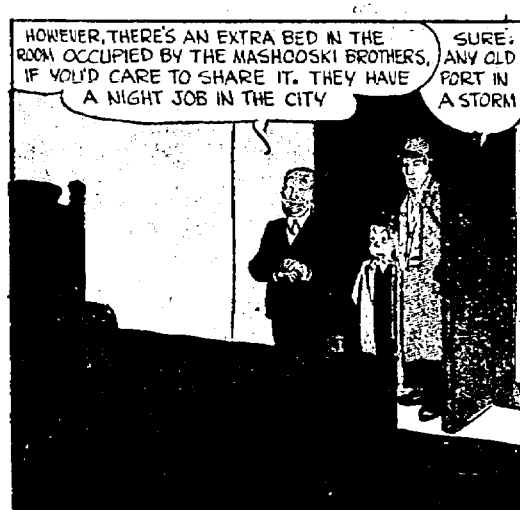
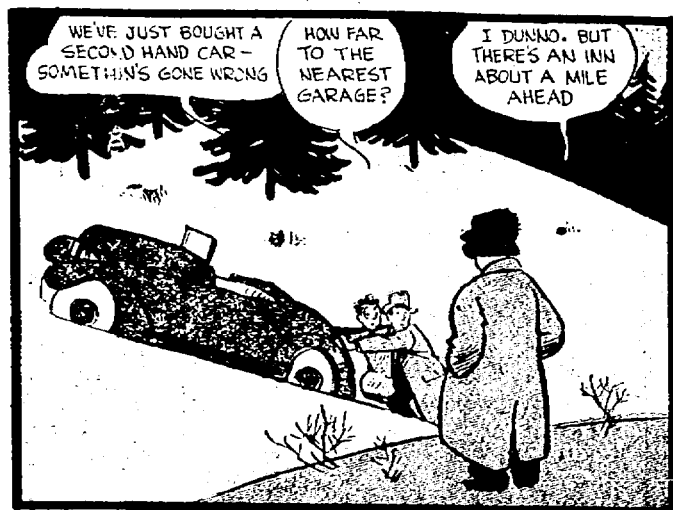
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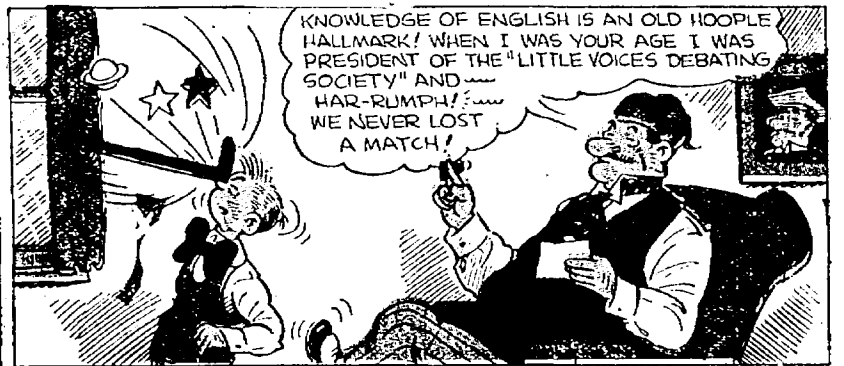
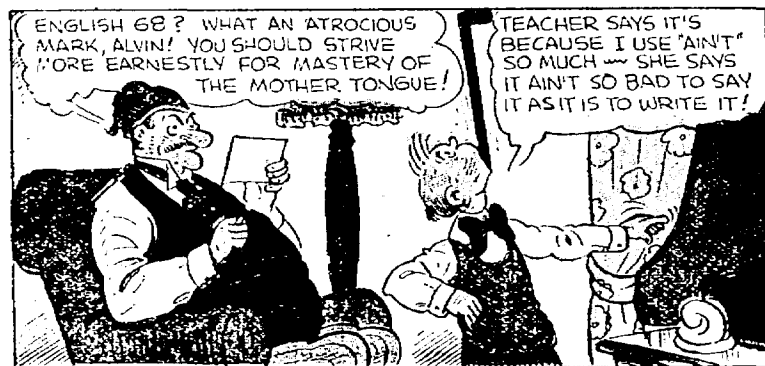


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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

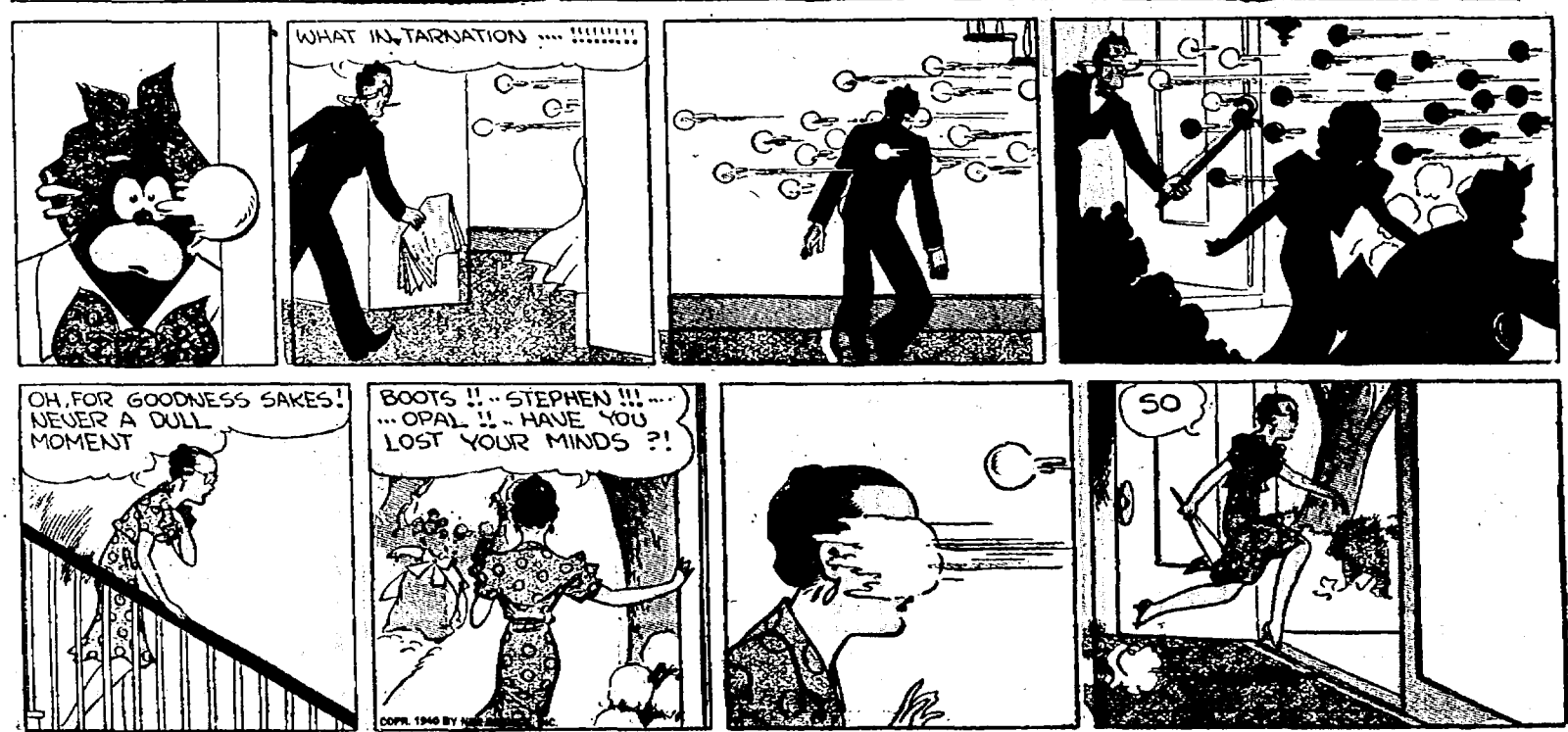
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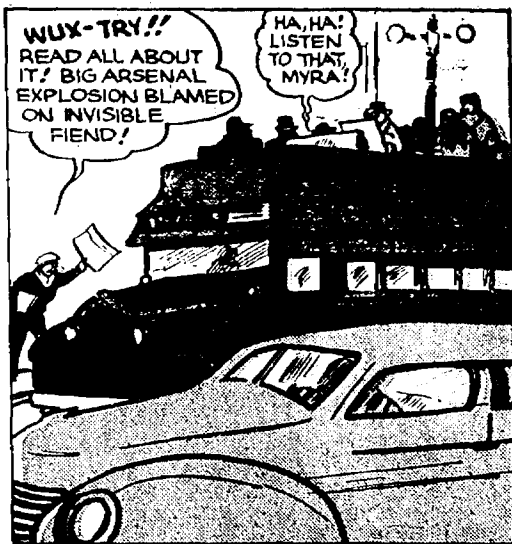
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AND THE
"INVISIBLE MAN"

by RAY THOMPSON
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BEFORE DR. WU FULLY REALIZES WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN HIS SECRET WORK SHOP, HE IS DASHED TO THE FLOOR BY THE INVISIBLE HYSTER IN HIS WILD LUNGE FOR THE DOOR PANEL!



KREE MEE

Your children will always ask for KREE MEE ICE CREAM and they can't get too much for their active, healthful young bodies. KREE MEE DOUBLE DIP CONES or ICE BUCKETS will please them.

Double Dip Cones